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BENTON HARBOR SCHOOLS

# Board OKs turnaround plan

## Deal heads to state for approval; district may get debt forgiveness

**By LOUISE WREGE**
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — The academic and financial operating plan to turn around the Benton Harbor school district was passed unanimously Tuesday by school board trustees and is on its way to the state for approval.

"We started this work in September of 2019 and the vision for this work was, simply put, to save our school system," President Joseph Taylor said during the meeting, which was held virtually due to health concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic. "So today we're doing that. We're on the right path. We're creating a great platform for ... 21st century education for our youth."

Superintendent Andrae Townsel said after the meeting that he believes state officials in the Michigan Department of Education and Michigan Department of Treasury will soon approve the plan. After it was finalized mid-April by the Benton Harbor Area Schools Community Engagement Advisory Committee, Townsel met with state officials to suggest additions to the plan, which he said were well received.

"We all had the consensus that we're going to save Benton Harbor Area Schools," he said.

He said now it's time to implement and execute the plan, which includes the state forgiving almost $11 million in outstanding emergency loans.

"There's a process. We must apply for forgiveness," he said. "We're going to do everything on our end to do that. ... We are going to identify the options that are available and do what's best for the district. The bottom line is we're going to work towards the forgiveness of our debt."

The school district has struggled for years with increasing debt and declining enrollment and student achievement, which led to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer proposing last May that Benton Harbor High School be closed at the end of the

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# Frosted fruit

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

**Rene Gelder, owner of Ellis Family Farms in Benton Township, inspects a row of Black Pearl cherry trees Tuesday afternoon after this past weekend's frost damaged many area fruit trees.**

## Late spring frost has growers concerned

**By TONY WITTKOWSKI**
HP Staff Writer

As if 2020 couldn't get any worse, Southwest Michigan fruit growers were dealt a late spring freeze over the weekend that threatens their crops.

Orchards in Van Buren and northern Berrien County saw temperatures dip below 30 degrees Fahrenheit on Saturday – a mark that is considered the threshold for fruit that has already begun to bloom.

Mark Longstroth, a fruit educator with Michigan State University who works out of the MSU Extension Paw Paw office, said the temperatures Saturday appear to have caused significant damage to several tree fruits.

"We got real cold. I visited three dozen farms in Van Buren and we've been seeing the same things," Longstroth said. "Most of Van Buren was the coldest, coming in for the 20- to 24-degree range. Twenty-nine degrees and below is what we worry about."

While cherries and apples seem to have taken the brunt of the frost damage, Longstroth said he was surprised by how few grapes were affected.

**"Right now, we're just keeping our fingers crossed. The reality is we're going to lose a lot of them."**

**RENE GELDER**
Owner of Ellis Family Farms in Benton Township

"The juice grapes were hit a little, but the wine grapes weren't as much," he said. "In general, the grape growers are pretty happy. Blueberries didn't suffer as much either."

The southern portion of Berrien County barely went below freezing.

Monday night and Tuesday morning produced a radiation freeze, Longstroth said. The radiation freeze produces warmer air on higher landscapes with colder temperatures in low-lying areas.

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**Rene Gelder, owner of Ellis Family Farms in Benton Township, shows the damaged buds on a Japanese plum tree Tuesday afternoon.**

# United Way trying to meet local needs

**By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN**
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — United Way of Southwest Michigan officials say they have learned a lot about the needs of Southwest Michigan residents since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in March.

"People were in need before COVID-19 hit, but we've seen an increase in the number of people calling for resources," said Rachel Wade, vice president of strategy at UWSM, during a Facebook Live event Tuesday.

The event, available to watch in its entirety on the UWSM's Facebook page (facebook.com/unitedwayswmich), covered how the organization has been helping and what its plans are moving forward.

Wade shared that the top three basic needs, before and during the pandemic, have been food, housing and utilities.

"That makes up more than two-thirds of what people needed in the last two months," Wade said.

In addition, those top three basic needs are the same in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties.

Wade said a large part of the funds raised through the Southwest Michigan Cares Fund, which was created in partner with the Berrien Community Foundation, have gone to help organizations provide people with food assistance.

"In a situation like this, food is the easiest assistance to provide to people in our community because there's very few strings attached to it," Wade said. "It's also one of the most economical ways we can provide assistance."

Wade said meeting the immediate needs of Southwest Michigan residents has been the United Way's priority the last two months, but

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# Fallen officers remembered

## Memorial event canceled, but names will be read in online video

**By JULIE SWIDWA**
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The annual Berrien County Peace Officer's Memorial Day Service has been canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic, but the sponsoring FOP lodge is asking people to still remember the fallen police officers during National Police Week this week.

"On behalf of Fraternal Order of Police Blossomland Lodge 100, it is with great sadness that for the first time in over 30 years, we will be unable to hold the service," said lodge Vice President Deniece Fisher, a retired St. Joseph police officer.

The service had been set for noon Friday.

"This decision to cancel was not taken lightly but due to the current situation involving the pandemic, we felt that it was in the best interest of families of our fallen officers, first responders and all those who attend the annual event," Fisher said.

"We will never forget the sacrifices made by our fallen brothers who paid the ultimate price protecting and serving their communities. Their families will never be forgotten for the sacrifices they have made due to the loss of their loved one," she added. "We hope

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Don Campbell / HP file photo

**Michigan State Police Lt. Melinda Logan, now retired, places a carnation on the Berrien County Law Enforcement Memorial in 2018, during the Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Service, held along the bluff in downtown St. Joseph. This year's memorial service is canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but pictures of the fallen officers will be on display at the monument Friday.**

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## MEMORIAL

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everyone will remember all of the fallen law enforcement officers and their families not only on May 15 but every day."

Fisher said the photos of the fallen officers will be on display between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, weather permitting, at the Berrien County Law Enforcement Memorial monument in Lake Bluff Park in St. Joseph, where the annual ceremony is normally held.

"We will also be reading the names of our fallen officers, with the video being available on YouTube and on the Blossomland Lodge No. 100 Facebook page @ FOPLodge100," Fisher said in an email. "We look forward to seeing everyone at our annual service in 2021."

The officers whose names are engraved on the monument and who would have been honored at the service, and their departments and dates of death, are:

- Patrolman Clarence Shockley, Niles City Police, Aug. 15, 1907
- Trooper William Martz, Michigan State Police Paw Paw Post, March 12, 1925
- Patrolman Francis LaMunion, St. Joseph Police, June 23, 1927
- Patrolman Charles Skelley, St. Joseph Police, Dec. 14, 1929
- Patrolman Vance Cooper, Niles City Police, March 4, 1937
- Deputy Elton Stover, Berrien County Sheriff's Department, Dec. 10, 1965
- Sgt. Robert Stevens, Benton Township Police, April 29, 1970
- Trooper Charles Stark, Michigan State Police New Buffalo Post, Dec. 31, 1971
- Trooper Gary Rampy, Michigan State Police New Buffalo Post, Dec. 31, 1971
- Trooper Steven Devries, Michigan State Police Niles Post, Oct. 12, 1972
- Detective/Capt. Paul Winquist, Niles City Police, Nov. 11, 1980
- Trooper Allan Peterson, Michigan State Police St. Joseph Post, Aug. 29, 1981
- Trooper Robert Mihalik, Michigan State Police St. Joseph Post, Sept. 9, 1984
- Patrolman Donald DeFord, Lincoln Township Police, March 14, 1988
- Chief Keith Mills, St. Joseph Township Police, Oct. 18, 1988
- Security Supervisor Joseph Zangaro, Berrien County Trial Court, July 11, 2016
- Court Officer Ronald Kienzle, Berrien County Trial Court, July 11, 2016.

Former residents serving outside the area:

- Officer Robert Polmanteer, Phoenix Police, May 4, 1984
- Sgt. James Faraone, Salt Lake City Police, Sept. 18, 2001
- Special Agent Paul Sorce, FBI Detroit, March 9, 2009

Fallen officers also will be honored today at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. Although the usual gathering there cannot be held, a candlelight vigil and ceremony can be viewed online. Details and links are available at nleomf.org/programs-events/national-police-week.candlelight-vigil.

This year's national ceremony will recognize 135 officers who were killed in 2019, plus 172 who died in the line of duty in previous years but had not yet been recognized with inclusion on the memorial until now.

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**Michigan**

**Poker Lotto**
JD-QD-KD-6H-6S
**Midday Daily 3**
2-4-1
**Midday Daily 4**
1-0-2-0
**Daily 3**
8-6-3
**Daily 4**
3-4-5-4
**Fantasy 5**
07-09-25-28-29
**Keno**
05-07-09-11-12-13-16-21-29-36-37-42-43-47-57-58-60-63-64-66-69-73
**Mega Millions jackpot**
$248 million
**Powerball jackpot**
$77 million

**Monday drawings**

**Indiana**

**Cash 5**
03-08-16-30-35
**Estimated jackpot**
$325,500
**Cash4Life**
29-31-39-48-57, Cash Ball: 2
**Quick Draw Midday**
01-04-06-10-16-22-23-28-32-33-37-40-48-51-52-58-65-69-73-79, BE: 48
**Daily Three-Midday**
1-0-4, SB: 2
**Daily Three-Evening**
8-5-0, SB: 7
**Daily Four-Midday**
3-0-3-2, SB: 2
**Daily Four-Evening**
7-0-9-0, SB: 7
**Quick Draw Evening**
03-06-16-19-22-30-37-38-42-47-54-55-56-58-61-68-73-74-75-80, BE: 22

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## FROST

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To combat this, Longstroth said some of the strawberry growers ran sprinklers over their crops to keep them protected overnight.

"They were trying to save that early crop of strawberries," Longstroth said. "My growers like to tell me you can't kill them twice. We were much warmer Monday and Tuesday compared to Saturday."

The timing of the spring freeze was also puzzling to many growers.

Rene Gelder, owner of Ellis Family Farms in Benton Township, was among those who believed Southwest Michigan would finally be able to avoid such a late freeze.

"I never get optimistic until May, so this one blew me under the water," Gelder said. "I'm usually pessimistic in April. It gets too hot, too fast, and we're used to getting something cold."

Longstroth said the region was almost at the end of the regular frost season. He said early May freezes tend to be pretty destructive on crops.

"My growers like to remind me we had a freeze in early June in the 1970s. They don't like to count the fruit until they see it on the trees," Longstroth said. "Some growers are pretty happy that their crops weren't impacted. Others were disgusted because a lot of their crops that they base their livelihood on were pretty much destroyed."

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**Rene Gelder, owner of Ellis Family Farms in Benton Township, checks on the condition of her Japanese plum trees Tuesday afternoon.**

After seeing forecasts of lower temperatures last week, Gelder and her crew stationed fans around the property to keep the air moving and increased irrigation at Ellis Family Farms.

The results were mixed.

Gelder said sweet and tart cherries, as well as her plums, were already out of blossom and suffered due to their maturity.

"I still have some on the tree. When we think of frost, we have to think of the stem that is hooked to the tree and the flower itself," Gelder said. "A lot of times what will happen is they grow a little bit and then drop off. With the plums, I'm just watching. As for the peaches, I've decided I'm going to brave it out."

Last year, Gelder's crops were devastated by the polar vortex. The abnormal winter wiped out many trees and split the bark down the middle of the trunks.

With this in mind, Gelder said she's thankful this year's crop won't be as bad. She said she hasn't seen a frost this late in the spring season since 2012. Before that, Gelder only remembers another occurrence in the 1980s.

"This year we had all the optimism because of all the blossoms," she said. "Right now, we're just keeping our fingers crossed. The reality is we're going to lose a lot of them."

Facing a loss to the majority of her cherries and plums, Gelder estimated she'll be able to retain about 50 percent of her apples – a number she said is "fine."

However, she won't know the true extent of the damage until the weather begins to warm.

"I'll be going out to take a few blossoms off to be cut in half to see if there's something green or something dark inside. If it's dark, then its dead," she said. "If half of them are green and the other half are dead, then I've already killed half of them by taking samples. Hopefully, things will be progressing."

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## UNITED WAY

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it's now starting to move into more of the recovery phase where longer-term needs created by the pandemic will be addressed.

One of those needs will be housing and utilities.

"We know right now it's illegal to be evicted for not paying rent, and illegal to foreclose on people who can't pay their mortgage, but what about when those protections end?" Wade said.

She said a large portion of the Southwest Michigan Cares Fund has been set aside to help people with housing and utilities.

"We know that if people have stable housing, it's so much easier for them to meet their other needs going forward," Wade said.

So far, 42 different local organizations have been helped with the fund.

UWSM have also learned about the needs in the community through Michigan 2-1-1, the 24-hour, free, confidential information referral service. Michigan 2-1-1 has created a dashboard that breaks down COVID-19-related connections it has made since the start of the pandemic in early March.

Since the start, 2-1-1 has fielded 464 calls from Berrien County residents, 88 calls from Cass County residents and 112 calls from Van Buren County residents.

"These calls have recorded 225 different needs," Wade said. "That runs the gambit of I need help finding child care to I need help with money to pay for my father's burial, and everything in between."

Besides the top needs, food, housing and utilities, other big needs during the coronavirus crisis include unemployment support, general COVID-19 information and financial assistance.

Wade said most of these needs are being met through referrals to nonprofit agencies, but about 10 percent of needs are unmet in the three counties and Michigan as a whole.

One of those unmet needs is people needing grocery delivery.

"It's unmet because no agencies provide that for free," Wade said.

The largest reason for a need to be unmet is the service simply not existing, or maybe the service, like a food pantry, doesn't have hours outside of someone's work schedule, according to Wade.

Wade said another way UWSM has helped is allowing its funded partners to use their funds from the United Way in whatever way they need to through the end of the pandemic.

"Nonprofits have really had to pivot," Wade said. "As an example, YMCA of Greater Michiana isn't running its preschool program that United Way provided funding for, but they've become a crucial partner in providing child care for essential workers. They are now able to redirect their money to support the work they have to do now."

UWSM is still looking for volunteers and donations of supplies. Interested persons should visit www.uwsm.org for more information on how to help. To give to the Southwest Michigan Cares Fund, visit www.southwestmichigancares.org.

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## BH SCHOOLS

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current school year so the district can focus on educating grades K-12. After almost three months of tense negotiations, state officials hit the reset button and offered to help form and pay for the advisory committee, which was chaired by Deputy Treasurer Joyce Parker.

During the meeting, Taylor said he believes that the plan put together by the advisory committee will provide a bright future for students in the district.

"We can't go back to the '70s and '80s and things like that," he said. "We have to resurrect what we have now. I think the time is now for us to act."

### Graduation plans

Townsel also said a committee is working to ensure that seniors have a memorable graduation ceremony, even if it has to be done online.

The stay-at-home order put in place by Whitmer expires May 28, but could be extended, again.

"If the governor allows us to go back to normal on May 28, I'd love to throw a traditional graduation," he said. "The reality is that's not realistic."

Taylor said that perhaps there can be a parade, where everyone stays in their vehicles.

"We don't have to be in the stadium," he said.

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# SJ hopes for fountain facelift

## Grant would help refurbish Maids of the Mist fountain

**By JULIE SWIDWA**
HP Staff Writer

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**City commissioners have agreed to apply for a grant to refurbish The Maids of the Mist fountain in St. Joseph.**

ST. JOSEPH — It's been 46 years since her last facelift.

And fountains such as Maids of the Mist on the bluff in St. Joseph should receive an overhaul about every 30 years, according to Greg Grothous, deputy director of parks and grounds for the city of St. Joseph.

A bid to refurbish the fountain came in at $178,639, he said. The St. Joseph City Commission this week approved a grant application for half that amount, $89,319.50.

Grothous said that over the winter, city staff became aware of a capital improvement grant opportunity through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and determined the Maids of the Mist fountain would be an eligible project. Grant applications are due by June 1.

The grant is a 50/50 match up to $100,000 and, if awarded, the project must be completed between Oct. 1,2020, and Sept. 30, 2021.

Grothous said funding toward renovation of the fountain was approved as part of the 2019/2020 budget and the money is still in the budget.

Grant awards are expected to be announced in September, and if a grant is awarded to the city, a formal bid for restoration will be brought to the St. Joseph City Commission for consideration.

The Maids of the Mist fountain was created in 1872-73 and has been a landmark in Lake Bluff Park since 1892. The fountain was inspected in May 2019 by McKay Lodge Conservation Laboratory based in Ohio, and a report was prepared by Jim Gwinner of that company.

The fountain, made from cast iron and cast zinc pieces that are screwed together, consists of three bowls supported by columns from the base and between bowls. The two upper columns are surrounded with decorative elements and two large seated female figures flank the bottom column.

In his report, Gwinner said the inspection revealed that many applications of white paint have been applied over the years to keep the fountain looking good, but the heavy paint coats can obscure the true condition of the cast iron elements.

He said the inspection revealed some indications of corrosion and damage, and that the condition likely exists throughout the fountain.

Grothouse said the fountain received some refurbishment in 1974, but the extent is not known. He said the inspector determined it is time to treat the fountain to preserve and stabilize it.

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**Amanda Soukup's daughter Ramey is shown on a Facebook photo announcing Bronson South Haven phlebotomist Pam Goff as the frontline hero of the day. Each day, a Soukup family member announces the hero of the day on Facebook. The honorees all receive gift cards from South Haven businesses in recognition of their efforts to continue working during the coronavirus pandemic. Ramey Soukup will soon be a frontline worker herself.**

# South Haven woman honors frontline workers

## Facebook page awards gift card daily to 'local hero'

**By BECKY KARK**
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Being a frontline worker during the coronavirus outbreak isn't easy. Such employees put their health at risk every time they go to work.

That risk concerns a South Haven resident and real-estate agent, who came up with a way to thank them for their efforts.

Amanda Soukup started "Recognize a Local Hero." Each day she posts a frontline occupation on her Facebook page and asks people to nominate someone. The names are put in a hat. Then different Soukup family members randomly draw a winner who receives a gift card from a South Haven area business, courtesy of Soukup.

"When the lockdown started, I don't think anyone dreamed we would be staying at home for so long," Soukup said. "So in April, my family and I started this. Everyone gets a kick out of randomly selecting and announcing the frontline person. We have videos, posters and pictures on Facebook announcing the selection."

So far, Soukup has honored a variety of frontline workers, including pharmacists, nurses, therapists, police officers, firefighters, paramedics, convenience store workers, grocery store employees, doctors and post office workers.

"With family and friends on the front line around the country, I was worried about them and felt frustrated because I couldn't help them," Soukup said. "There are so many people that have literally put their lives at risk to help others and do their jobs. They need recognition for their work. I also wanted to support our local business people. So giving the gift cards to frontline workers seemed like an easy thing to do."

Shawn Olney, a South Haven police officer, is one of two dozen frontline workers who has been recognized, so far.

"I was honored that I was nominated by people in the community," she said. "It made my heart happy. I received a gift card to Taste (restaurant). I am waiting to use it for a date night with my hubby."

As Soukup's Facebook project continues, the number of nominations has steadily picked up.

"We get at least 40 or 50 nominations every day for different categories of frontline work," Soukup said.

In nominating their favorite frontline worker, people often explain why, as well.

"I read stories of people who go out of their way to help customers," Soukup said. "There are so many positive stories in such a negative environment."

Soukup hopes to continue honoring frontline workers as long as Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home order to slow the spread of the coronavirus lasts.

"I would like to continue until the stay-at-home is over, but not sure we can afford it," she said. "Three people have purchased gift cards for me to include in my project, but I don't want to ask for money from anyone ... times are just too hard. As I jokingly say everyday when we ask for nominations, 'we will continue until this is over or we run out of money.'"

To visit Soukup's Facebook page, go to: www.facebook.com/amanda.e.soukup

# OPERATION PROTECT THE RESIDENTS

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**Benton Harbor Mayor Marcus Muhammad hands out bags containing masks and sanitizer to residents Tuesday at River Terrace in Benton Harbor. The distribution is part of the first phase of Operation Protect the Residents which provides personal protection equipment and meals to people during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

# Keeping the 'forever' in Forever Books

## St. Joseph bookstore launches $80K fundraising campaign to stay open

**By TONY WITTKOWSKI**
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — For 21 years, Robin Allen has called Forever Books her home.

As its owner, Allen is now asking the public for help to ensure her downtown St. Joseph bookstore survives the COVID-19 pandemic that threatens to shutter a number of Southwest Michigan businesses.

Despite the online purchases, phone orders and pleas to remain open, Allen said it will be hard to sell books through 2020 without financial assistance from the community.

As of last week, Forever Books launched a GoFundMe campaign to raise $80,000 to not only be ready for when business picks back up, but to survive a summer that will likely see a drop in tourists.

"Because things are slow in January, February and March, we still have bills," Allen said. "When everything stopped we still had to pay vendors, rent and utilities. With the help of a consultant, I decided this one way of getting the business back and successful once we're allowed to open again."

For the past few weeks, Allen has manned the store by herself from noon to 4 p.m., seven days a week. While these are the hours of operation, Allen said she actually puts in eight to 10 hours a day at the store.

She also has two volunteers who work sparingly for no pay.

As of Tuesday, the GoFundMe account has raised more than $20,000 in a week.

"I'm so humbled by how much people want the community bookstore to survive," Allen said. "The process has really been wonderful at this point."

Allen said the consultant she brought in came up with the $80,000 figure.

"We wanted to ask for enough to ensure the store would stay open months after we can start up again," Allen said. "We need to be able to last the first month open. Traffic is 75 percent less. We're projecting at last 50 percent less in the summer months."

Like many other businesses, the pandemic shutdown caught Allen and her staff as their slowest time of the year was coming to an end.

"Our scheduled store events helped us survive January, February and March, but I had to cancel six of them – two of which are among the store's largest," Allen said. "I reduced staff and now work alone with the help of generous volunteers."

Working alone has become more arduous as Allen was forced to postpone her hip surgery last month. Since then, Allen has gotten around inside the bookstore on a walker.

"That's my challenge," Allen said.

Allen said her expenses are expected to stay the same, but the store will have to continue to update its inventory.

"Books are a timely thing. There are new releases every week," Allen said. "I'm not in this for the money. It's a labor of love. It's long hours and hard work. This isn't a nickel and dime business. It's a nickel and penny business."

Allen said her store has been lucky compared to other downtown stores as she's been able to use the little entryway to leave purchased books in there for consumers.

She said it's also been touching to see the number of donations that have poured in during the week. Some of the donations have been as high as $1,000.

"These are people that love our bookstore and I can't let them down. I appreciate every donation, whether it's $5 or $1,000. A person just knocked on the door the other day and handed me a check for $100. These are people who have become friends," she said. "I don't know when we're going to be open. It's one of the things people are anxious about. Only so many people can come into the store and they're going to have to wear masks. I have to make sure that anyone coming into the store is safe."

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# Hartford OKs recreational marijuana sales

**By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN**
HP Staff Writer

HARTFORD — Another local community has joined the ranks of allowing recreational marijuana businesses.

The Hartford City Commission approved the final draft of its recreational marijuana ordinance Monday night.

The ordinance gained six yes votes, with one commissioner absent from the in-person meeting, according to the meeting's unofficial minutes.

The ordinance allows up to 27 recreational marijuana licenses be issued.

The number of licenses is the same amount of medical marijuana licenses that the city allows, setting up businesses to handle both medical and recreational product.

The only addition is that one recreational marijuana micro business would be allowed, a type of facility that was introduced with Michigan's recreational marijuana law passed in 2018.

Also under the law, medical marijuana facilities are the first to be allowed to add recreational.

Doug Von Koenig, owner of Med Leaf Provisioning Center, the city's only medical marijuana business, said he has a few more pieces of paperwork to get signed and approved by the state, but expects to be open for recreational sales by June 1.

"We won't wait if we get everything in before that," he said Tuesday.

In other business Monday night, the city commission approved putting a millage renewal on the Aug. 4 ballot.

The 1.4185 mill is dedicated to the purchasing of fire apparatuses and equipment for the Hartford Fire Department.

The four-year levy, if renewed, will raise about $53,000 in the first year its collected, 2021.

The city's next meeting, set for 7:30 p.m. June 22, will remain in-person as scheduled, according to the minutes.

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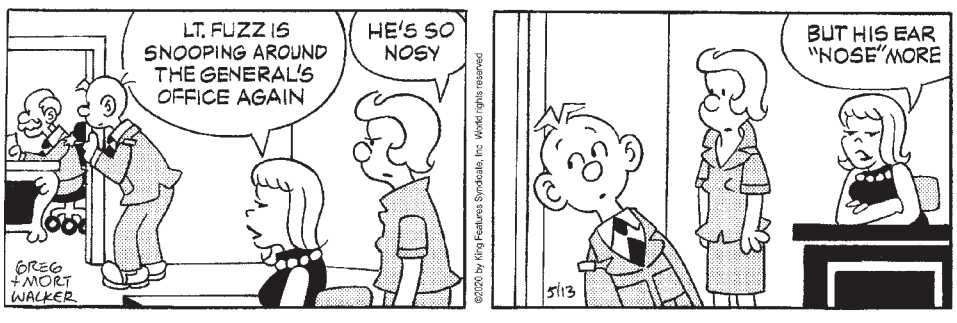
LT. FUZZ IS SNOOPING AROUND THE GENERAL'S OFFICE AGAIN
HE'S SO NOSY
BUT HIS EAR "NOSE" MORE
GREG + MORT WALKER
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## BLONDIE

WHAT A COINCIDENCE! I FOUND FOUR TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS INSIDE THIS OLD COOKBOOK
WHY IS THAT A COINCIDENCE?
BECAUSE THESE ADD UP TO EIGHTY DOLLARS, AND THE COOKBOOK WAS PUBLISHED IN 1980!
THE REAL COINCIDENCE IS THAT I WAS JUST TRYING TO REMEMBER WHERE I STASHED THOSE TWENTIES
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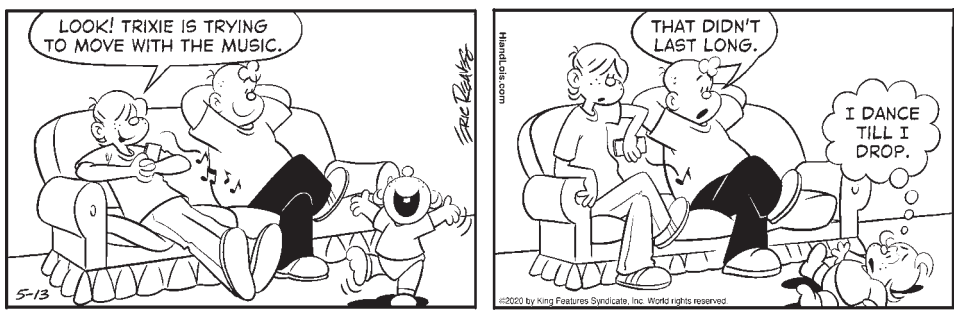
LOOK! TRIXIE IS TRYING TO MOVE WITH THE MUSIC.
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THAT DIDN'T LAST LONG.
I DANCE TILL I DROP.
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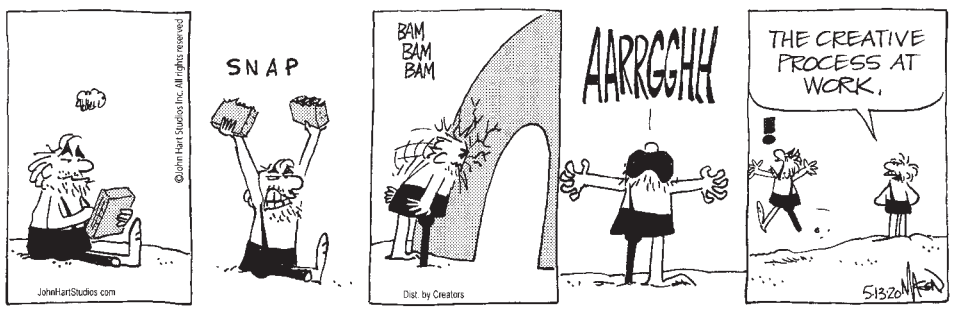


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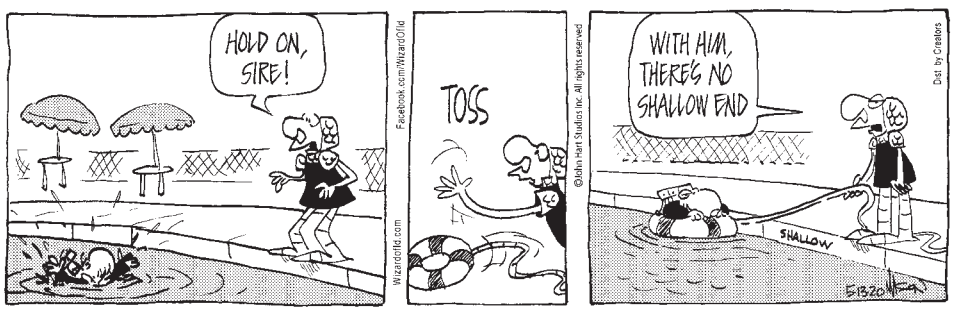


## DILBERT

THE SCIENCESPLAINER
WE DON'T HAVE ANY DATA YET, BUT WE ARE HEARING GOOD REPORTS.
THOSE REPORTS ARE ANECDOTAL. YOU NEED A CONTROLLED STUDY TO BE CERTAIN.
LITERALLY EVERYONE ALREADY KNOWS THAT.
SURE, BUT DID YOU KNOW ACCURATE DATA ARE BETTER THAN BAD DATA?
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## GARFIELD

CONSIDER THIS. IF IT WEREN'T FOR MICE...
THE PLANET WOULD BE OVERRUN WITH CHEESE!
WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
JIM DAVIS 5-13
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## FORT KNOX

YOU OKAY, PEARL?
NO, GENERAL! I HAVEN'T SLEPT IN FIVE DAYS!!
YOU NEED TO GIVE UP THE ESPRESSO!
MAYBE... BUT WHEN I PUT ON MY HAT, I FEEL MUCH BETTER.
WHY'S THAT?
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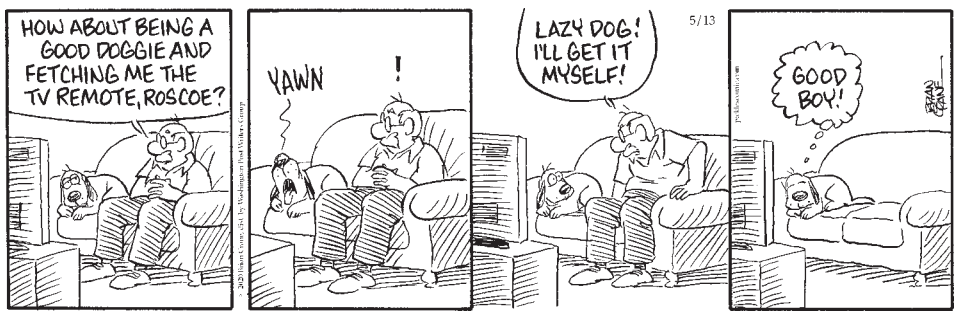
## PICKLES

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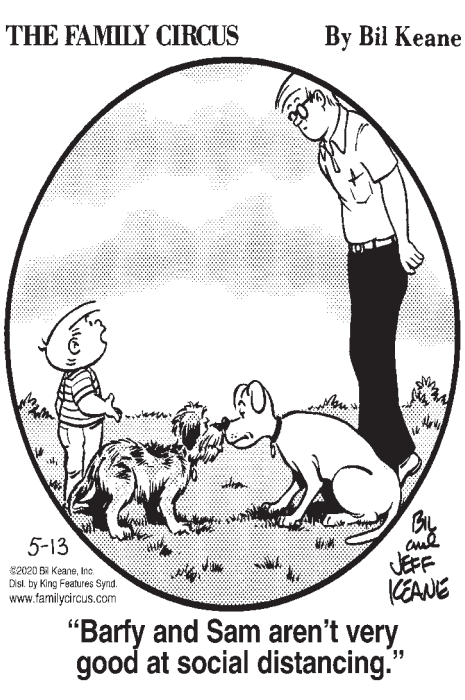


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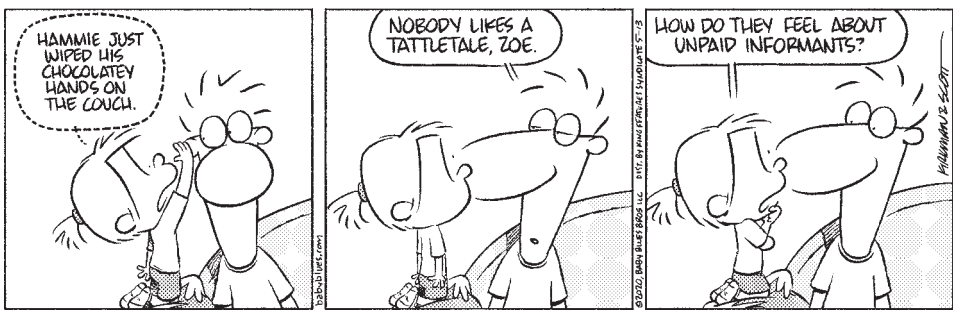
HAMMIE JUST WIPED HIS CHOCOLATEY HANDS ON THE COUCH.
NOBODY LIKES A TATTLETALE, ZOE.
HOW DO THEY FEEL ABOUT UNPAID INFORMANTS?
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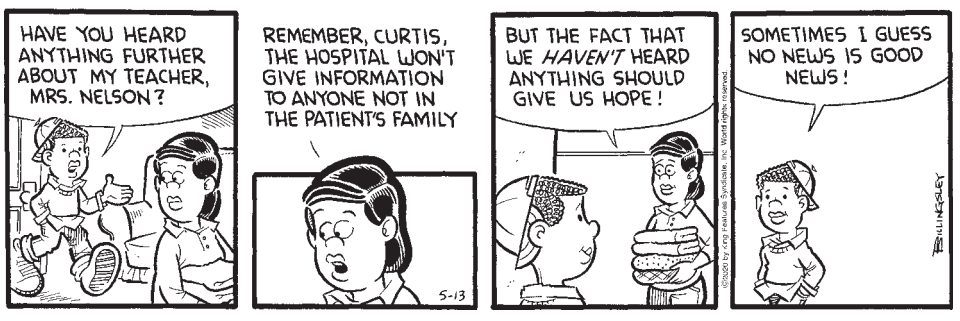
## CURTIS


HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING FURTHER ABOUT MY TEACHER, MRS. NELSON?
REMEMBER, CURTIS, THE HOSPITAL WON'T GIVE INFORMATION TO ANYONE NOT IN THE PATIENT'S FAMILY
BUT THE FACT THAT WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING SHOULD GIVE US HOPE!
SOMETIMES I GUESS NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS!
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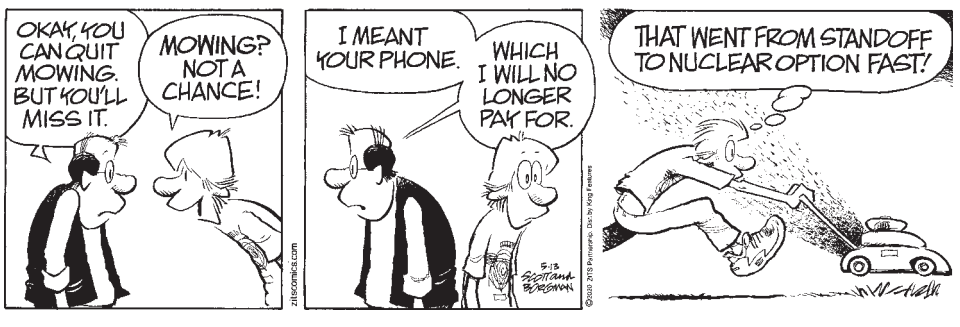
## ZITS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MOWING? NOT A CHANCE!
I MEANT YOUR PHONE.
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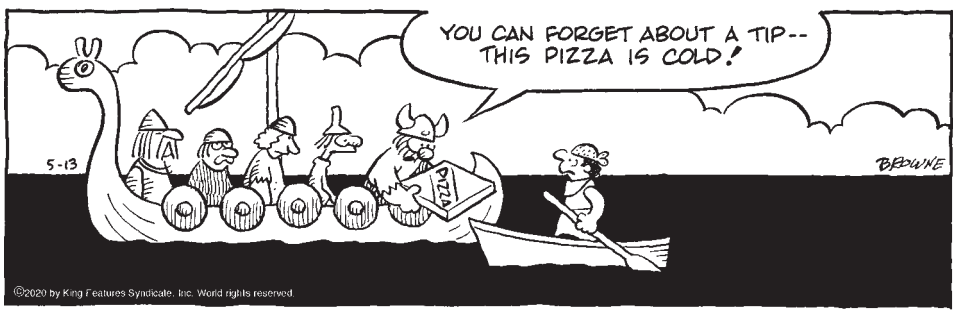


## MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

I WAS AFRAID TO SAY ANYTHING, TOO...THAT WAS EITHER ONE CUTE DOG OR ONE UGLY BABY.
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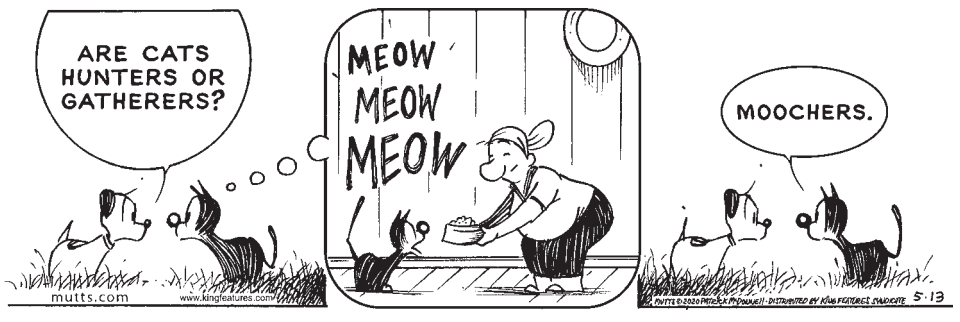


## SALLY FORTH

WITH YOU AND YOUR PRECIOUS MOONBEAMS LOCKED IN THE MOLTEN CENTER OF THE SUN GOD "RA-RA," STARLEE, THE DARKSTARS AND I ARE SURE TO FIND THE FABLED KEYTAR OF THE MOOG SYSTEM FIRST!
HAHAHA!!!
YOU CAN TAKE AWAY OUR SHIP. YOU CAN TAKE AWAY OUR INSTRUMENTS. BUT YOU CAN NEVER, EVER TAKE AWAY THE MUSIC IN OUR HEARTS! SING IT!
WE WILL, WE WILL, KILL YOU!
AND THIS CARTOON MADE IT TO AIR WITHOUT A SINGLE NOTE FROM LOCAL STATIONS?
WELL, THEY ALWAYS ENDED EACH EPISODE WITH A PSA. THIS ONE IS ABOUT MAKING SURE TO USE SUNSCREEN AND GET ANY MOLES CHECKED.
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## PRIME TIME TV

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MAY 13**

| | 7:30 | 8 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABC 7 13 41 57 | Wheel of Fortune | The Goldbergs | Schooled | Housewife | Single Parents | Shark Tank (N) CC (DVS) | |
| CBS 2 3 22 | Ent. Tonight | Survivor ((F)) (N) CC | | | | | |
| NBC 5 8 16 | Ac. Hollywood | Chicago Med CC (DVS) | | Chicago Fire "Welcome to Crazytown" | | Chicago P.D. Locals won't talk to police. | |
| FOX 17 222 28 32 | Modern Family | The Masked Singer Jay Pharoah; one singer is unmasked. (N) CC (DVS) | | | | Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC | |
| PBS 34 | Outdoor Elements | Spy in the Wild: A Nature Miniseries (N) | | NOVA Stopping the spread of COVID-19. | | Expedition With Steve Backshall | |
| CW 25 | Big Bang Theory | Penn & Teller: Fool Us CC | | Bulletproof "Episode 3" | | News | Seinfeld CC |
| MNT 50 | Family Feud | Chicago P.D. "Monster" CC (DVS) | | Dateline "Twisted in Texas" CC | | Dateline "As Night Fell" CC | |
| WCIU 26 | Mike & Molly | Penn & Teller: Fool Us CC | | Bulletproof "Episode 3" | | 2 Broke Girls | 2 Broke Girls |
| WHME 46 | :00 Heartland | Heartland "One Day" CC (DVS) | | Highway to Heaven "It's a Dog's Life" | | Nightly News | |
| WGN 9 | News | black-ish | black-ish "Hope" | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC | |
| A&E | :00 Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters "Haunted Hospital" | | Ghost Hunters "The Last Mission" (N) | | Celebrity Ghost Stories "Taye Diggs" | |
| AMC | 5:00 Star Trek | ★★ White House Down ('13, Action) Channing Tatum, Jamie Foxx. Paramilitary soldiers take over the White House. CC | | | | | |
| Animal | Lone Star | Lone Star Law | | Lone Star Law | | Lone Star Law | |
| BET | ★★ Madea's Family Reunion | | | T. Perry's The Oval | | T. Perry's Ruthless | |
| Big Ten | Classic | Northwestern | | Northwestern | | Big Ten Elite CC | |
| Bravo | Housewives | Real Housewives/ Beverly | | Summer House "Secrets Revealed" (N) | | Watch What | Housewives |
| Cartoon | We Bare | American | American | American | Rick | Burgers | Burgers |
| Cinemax | Reality Bites ('94) | ★★★ The Mask ('94) Jim Carrey, Cameron Diaz. CC | | | :45 ★★ Grudge Match ('13) Robert De Niro. CC | | |
| CMT | Last Man | Mom | Mom | Mom | Mom | Mom | Mom |
| CNBC | CNBC | Shark Tank CC | | Shark Tank | | Jay Leno's Garage | |
| CNN | OutFront | Anderson Cooper | | Cuomo Prime Time | | CNN Tonight | |
| Comedy | South Pk | South Pk | South Pk | South Pk | South Pk | South Pk | Yankers |
| Discovery | Expedition | Expedition Unknown: Uncovered (N) CC | | Expedition Unknown (N) CC | | Expedition Unknown CC | |
| Disney | Bunk'd | Big City | Big City | Bunk'd | Raven | Gabby | Coop |
| DIY | Holmes | Holmes & Holmes | | Holmes & Holmes | | Holmes & Holmes | |
| E! | Botched | Botched CC | | Botched CC | | Botched CC | |
| ESPN | :00 2015 NBA Finals | | | | 2017 NBA Finals | | |
| ESPN2 | ESPN | ESPN Original Docu | | ESPN Original Docu | | ESPN Original Docu | |
| ESPNC | Baseball | MLB Baseball | | | | | |
| Food | Grocery | Guy's Games | | Guy's Games | | Guy's Games | |
| Fox News | The Story | Tucker Carlson | | Hannity (N) CC | | The Ingraham Angle | |
| Fox Sports | Bowling | Detroit Tigers Classics From Aug. 30, 2006. (N) | | | | | Grillin' |
| Freefrm | :00 ★★★ Matilda ('96) Mara Wilson, Danny DeVito. CC | | | Motherland: Fort Salem "Coup" (N) | | Motherland: Fort Salem "Coup" CC | |
| FX | :00 ★★★ Furious 7 ('15) Vin Diesel. A dead man's brother seeks revenge on the Toretto gang. CC | | | | | What We Do | What We Do |
| Golf | PGA | PGA Championship | | Golf's Greatest Rounds CC | | | |
| Hallmark | Just My Type ('20) | Truly, Madly, Sweetly ('18, Romance) Nikki DeLoach, Dylan Neal. CC | | | | Golden Girls | Golden Girls |
| HBO | 6:40 ★★★ Fight Club ('99, Suspense) Brad Pitt. CC | | | I Know This Much Is True "Episode 1" | | ★★ X-Men: Dark Phoenix ('19) | |
| History | Forged | Forged in Fire: Meet the Judges A Damascus European dagger. | | | | | |
| HGTV | Property | Property Brothers (N) | | Property Brothers | | Hunters | Hunt Intl |
| Learning | My 600- | My 600-Lb. Life Charity must do something. | | | | My 600-Lb. Life | |
| Lifetime | Married-Sight | Married at First Sight "All About Family" | | :03 ★★ Madea's Witness Protection ('12) Tyler Perry, Eugene Levy. CC | | | |
| MSNBC | Decision | All In With | | Rachel Maddow | | The Last Word | |
| MTV | Ridic. | The Challenge (N) CC | | | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. |
| NBCSCH | Sports | Chicago Bulls Classic (N) | | | | | Short List |
| NFL | NFL Total | A Football Life | | A Football Life | | A Football Life | |
| Nick | Danger | Sponge. | Substitute | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends |
| NGEO | Border. | Borderforce USA | | Borderforce USA (N) | | Drug Lords: Next | |
| Oxygen | West Memphis | The Forgotten West Memphis Three (N) | | The Forgotten West Memphis Three (N) | | The Forgotten West Memphis Three (N) | |
| Parmt | Two Men | ★★★ Ghostbusters ('84) Bill Murray. CC | | | | | Ghost II |
| Showtime | Almost Famous | The Affair Noah and Alison grow closer. | | Couples Therapy | Work in Progress | Ophelia ('18) Daisy Ridley. CC | |
| Starz | :33 ★ The Animal ('01, Comedy) Rob Schneider. CC | | | ★★★ Black Hawk Down ('01, War) Josh Hartnett, Ewan McGregor. CC | | | |
| STZENC | :10 ★★★ School Ties ('92) Brendan Fraser. CC | | | ★★ Sixteen Candles ('84, Comedy) Molly Ringwald. CC | | | Whole 9 Yards |
| SyFy | 6:45 ★★ The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift ('06) | | | ★★ Fast & Furious ('09, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. CC (DVS) | | | |
| TBS | Bob's Burgers | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Full Frontal |
| TCM | ★ The Expert | ★ The Crimson Kimono ('59) Victoria Shaw. CC | | | ★★ House of Bamboo ('55) Robert Ryan. CC | | |
| TMC | Prince & Me | ★★★ Superbad ('07, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Michael Cera. (P). CC | | | | ★ Good Luck Chuck ('07) CC | |
| TNT | Non-Stop | All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) CC | | | | Shaq Life CC | |
| Travel | Ghost | Ghost Nation (N) | | Ghost Nation (N) | | Destination Fear (N) | |
| TV Land | Andy G. | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | Two Men | Two Men |
| USA | :00 NCIS | WWE NXT (N) (L) CC | | | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit | |
| VH1 | Obsessed | Black Ink: Chicago | | Black Ink: Chicago | | Wild/Out | Wild/Out |
| WGN-A | Married ... With | Married ... With | Married ... With | Married ... With | Married ... With | Married ... With | Married ... With |

# How-tos of wearing a mask

**DEAR DOCTOR:** Our city has asked us to wear a face mask when we leave the house. Needless to say, my wife and I have never done this before. Does our 5-year-old son need a mask, too? Any guidance or how-tos would be greatly appreciated.

**Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier**
Ask the Doctors

**DEAR READER:** Your local government is following the updated recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which urges people to wear a cloth covering over their nose and mouth whenever they go out in public. These face coverings don't serve as protection from becoming infected with the virus. Rather, they are a physical barrier that may prevent someone who is infected from spreading it. This is particularly valuable in cases where someone is infected but has no symptoms.

This is very important, so imagine our voices as stern and serious when you reach the uppercase words in the next sentence. A face mask should only be used IN ADDITION TO and never INSTEAD OF the other important steps we're all taking right now. These include social distancing, frequent and thorough hand-washing, not touching your face, and cleaning high-touch surfaces such as door handles, light switches, phones, eyeglasses and sunglasses. (And don't forget about the handles of your car doors and your steering wheel.)

Face coverings should be snug but comfortable, fit against the sides of the face and beneath the chin, and allow for unrestricted breathing. They can be secured by ear loops or ties and should include multiple layers of fabric. Make sure the masks you choose can be washed and machine dried without damaging the mask or changing its shape.

When putting on a mask, start with clean hands. Always hold it by the strings or straps, not by the mask itself. Place it over your nose and mouth and adjust the straps so that you have a snug but comfortable fit. If your mask has a bendable metal clip over the bridge of the nose, gently adjust it to the contour of your face. If you wear glasses, put them on after the mask. It's important that any facial covering you use, even if it's just a bandanna, completely covers both your nose and mouth, and also the bottom of your chin. It's helpful to practice at home to get optimal fit and comfort.

Before you remove your mask, clean your hands. Again, you'll be handling it only by the ties or straps. If it's disposable, throw it away. If it's reusable, wash it with soap in hot water and machine dry thoroughly on medium or high heat. And please, never use medical-grade N95 masks. These are in short supply and are desperately needed to keep frontline workers safe.

Yes, your son should wear a mask in public as well. The CDC recommends everyone 2 years of age and older wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth. Due to the risk of suffocation, face coverings should not be used on anyone younger than 2. We hope this helps, and that you and your family stay vigilant, safe and healthy.

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# Boyfriend claims he's ready to settle down, but is he really?

**HI, CAROLYN:** My boyfriend and I are very much in love and plan to settle down, marry and have kids someday.

However, his plans change all the time. One minute he says we could move to a different country to study together, the next he is saying he isn't sure he wants that anymore. Or he could say something like, I should pursue my dreams and he should pursue his and we will meet up and settle down. At the moment, he is saying he isn't sure of us traveling together anymore and I might have to go first, and he would come meet me.

**Carolyn Hax**

Also, he isn't ready to meet my parents because they are in a different city and he isn't ready to come down.

All these excuses and patterns are making me think maybe he actually doesn't plan to settle down with me, but then he talks about our future so passionately that I'm so convinced he really wants it. Also, he pushes me to be a better person in every area. Always saying things like he wants me to make habits with him that are impossible to replicate. Please help me, I really need your advice. – Anonymous

**ANONYMOUS:** You plan to settle down, marry him and have kids someday.

He has no such plans.

This isn't something I'm telling you; it's something you told me. You already know he's not committed.

He just hasn't told you himself because he's too scattered to – or too content to have you on a string.

Nevertheless, you're straining to hear anything to support a case for his being committed to you, and then focusing on that. It's wishful waiting.

Please don't do that to yourself. Cherry-picking data to support the conclusion you want may feel good in the short term, but it only postpones the truth – as it becomes progressively more painful to hear.

To know where you stand with people, always, you need to listen to all of what they say and note all of what they do, then weigh it accordingly.

Maybe you do indeed love each other, and your relationship's uncertainty is in part a byproduct of being young and in flux.

But immaturity is its own problem, and neither of you is mature enough yet to see "he isn't ready to meet my parents" is a dead giveaway, a "nope" in neon lights. Someone ready to commit wants to meet your people.

And you aren't mature enough yet to hear the alarm bell: He "pushes me to be a better person"? He "wants me to make habits with him"? I have no idea what "impossible to replicate" means here, but I do know what it means when someone wants you to be better: It means you aren't good enough as you are, and he's the one to fix that.

No, no, no, no. No. Serious power imbalance there, a common precursor to even more serious control problems. Already, whether by manipulation or accident, you're taking orders from his heart, not yours.

We aren't who we might become; we are only who we are, right now, today. Always. Don't trust yourself to anyone who isn't thrilled with today's version of you. Whether you want or need to be better is entirely up to you.

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## CROSSWORD

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12 Wavering
14 Land, as a fish (2 wds.)
15 Sharpshooter Annie
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17 WNW opposite
18 Sheltered side
19 Watchdog's warning
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23 Fox rival
26 Rock's — Fighters
27 Quick turn
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30 Place (abbr.)
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38 Handbag logo
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2 One, to Conchita
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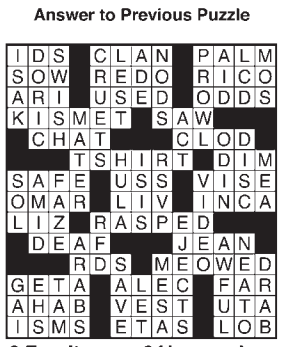
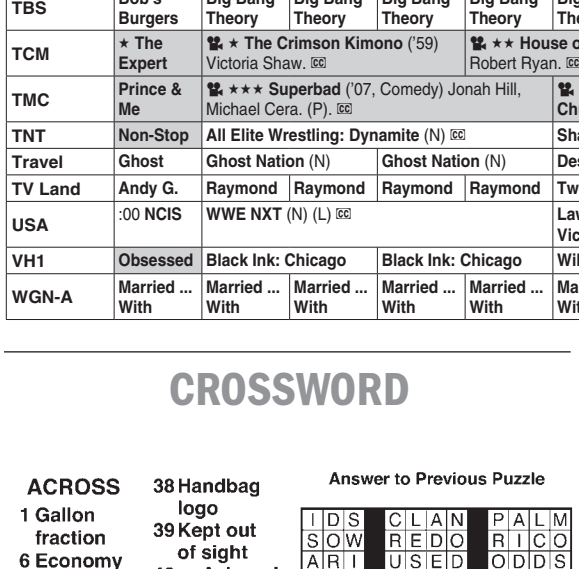
4 Monarch
5 Crowd, in Madrid?
6 Sincerely
7 In this place
8 Furniture style
9 Seine vista
10 Fish appendage
11 Explosive letters
13 Place for shadow
19 Bungle (2 wds.)
20 Baroque style
22 First name in mystery
24 Worries
25 Doze
26 Lose energy
27 Ristorante order
28 Lose control
29 Complain
34 Leopard cousins
36 Holds, as attention
42 Not clear
43 Food consumer
45 Flamenco shouts
47 Plumbing need
48 Circle portion
49 Mousse alternative
50 That, to Jaime
52 Drink with scones
53 MS polishers
54 Cereal grass

Answer to Previous Puzzle





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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PHIOP

LPAYP

BLINEB

YTOPTS

Are you okay? Do you need me to help you?
You know I haven't worked out in a while.
SHE WAS ABLE TO QUICKLY REACH THE SUMMIT BECAUSE SHE WAS ---

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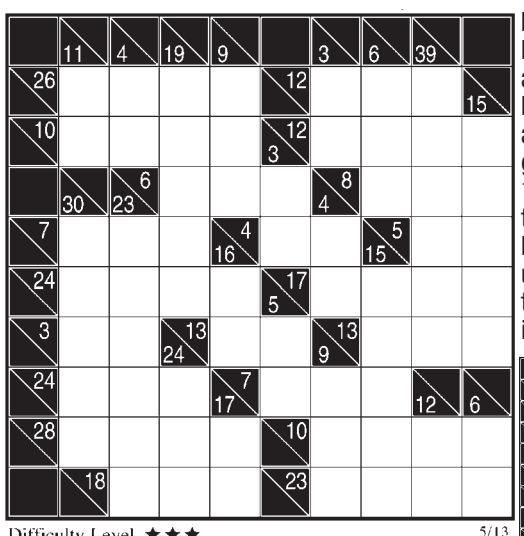
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

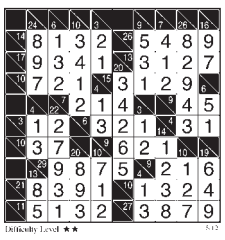
Yesterday's Jumbles: EXPEL DITTO SKINNY VIOLET
Answer: The family reunion of first positive numbers featured — LOVED ONES

## KAKURO



**How to play:** Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/13



## BRIDGE

In Chicago scoring and teams events, if you smell a game, you bid that game. The game bonus is a potent lure. But in a matchpointed pairs event, you shouldn't push for thin games. Don't jeopardize a plus score.

South overbid on this deal from a pairs event, and his card-play technique wasn't equal to the task.

Over North's raise to two hearts, that South hand is only worth a game-try. Perhaps two no-trump is the best bid. North will sign off in three hearts, and there the matter can rest. However, South saw 12 points and forced to game.

Four hearts needs the trumps to be 3-2, the spade finesse working and the club ace onside: just over a 16 percent chance. That is how the cards lay, but South still went down – why?

He won the second diamond, played a spade to his jack and continued with the spade ace and king, discarding dummy's diamond loser. West ruffed in, but it was from three trumps.

West got off play with the diamond jack, ruffed low in the dummy. Declarer drew trumps ending in his hand and led a club to the king. Fine, as far as it went, but South had no hand entry left. He had to play a club from the board and lost two club tricks to go down one.

Did you spot the mistake? South must ruff the diamond jack with the heart six. Then he cashes the heart king and leads the heart seven to his ace. After the club king wins trick nine, declarer can return to hand for another club play by overtaking the heart two with his five.

Watch those important spot-cards.

North 05-13-20
♠ 8 2
♥ K 7 6 2
♦ A 6 4
♣ K Q 7 6

West
♠ 10 7
♥ Q 10 8
♦ K Q J 9
♣ A J 9 3

East
♠ Q 9 6 5 4 3
♥ J 9
♦ 10 5 3
♣ 10 8

South
♠ A K J
♥ A 5 4 3
♦ 8 7 2
♣ 5 4 2

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♥ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | 4♥ | All Pass |

Opening lead: ♦ K

## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 4 | | 3 | | 2 | | |
| | 2 | | 5 | | | 3 | 9 | 6 |
| | 9 | | | 7 | | 5 | 4 | |
| 4 | 6 | | 7 | 9 | | 1 | | |
| | | | | 2 | | | | |
| | | 8 | | 4 | 5 | | 6 | 7 |
| | 4 | 1 | | 5 | | | 2 | |
| 8 | 5 | 2 | | | 3 | | 1 | |
| | | 9 | | 1 | | 8 | | |

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**How to play:** Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| 2 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 3 |
| 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 1 |
| 6 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 7 |
| 9 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| 4 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| 1 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 6 |
| 7 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 5 |

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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**

Put differences aside and channel your energy and enthusiasm into positive endeavors. Don't let what others do bring you down or stand between you and what you want to accomplish this year. Look to the future with optimism and move in a direction that offers satisfaction and monetary rewards.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Listen, be attentive and try to get along with everyone. You'll find it easier to get others to see and do things your way if you are kind and sensitive to their needs.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Don't lose touch with friends. Pick up the phone, set up an internet conversation or send someone you care about a gift in the mail. Make a difference by offering a kind gesture.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Don't let an unexpected change that someone makes ruin your day. Focus on your budget and limiting unnecessary purchases. How you conduct yourself will affect those close to you.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** It's time to reflect, rethink and revise your plans. Don't let anyone force you into a venture or investment that isn't right for you. Focus on personal gain, not on joint ventures.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** A one-sided situation will put you in a vulnerable position. Be direct and find out where you stand before you make a promise to someone who isn't looking out for your best interests.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Concentrate on what matters. Put your health and physical fitness first. Looking and feeling good are the keys to prosperity. Preparation, knowledge and experience will encourage success.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Emotions will surface if someone close to you isn't being receptive. Consider the reason behind their feelings before you get upset or angry. A positive change will resolve the problem.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Don't be too eager to make a change. It's best to bide your time, look at every angle and consider your alternatives. False information will be present.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You'll be torn in different directions if you try to take care of everyone's demands. Consider what's important to you and follow through with your plans.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Stop letting outside influences take the reins. Consider what you want and how you can move forward without jeopardizing your reputation or position. A change at home will help expedite certain matters.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Don't reveal your plans. It's best to be a good listener, size up your situation and consider how to make your wisest move. Time is on your side.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Your drive and determination are no match for anyone who competes with you, but they can also lead to conflict that can put a dent in your plans. Be considerate.

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# OBITUARIES

## George M. Neff

Oct. 22, 1935 – May 10, 2020

George M. Neff, 84, of Coloma passed away Sunday morning, May 10, 2020, at Hallmark Living in Benton Harbor.

Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home is assisting the family. Due to the current virus situation, no services are planned at this time. Cremation will take place followed by burial of ashes in North Shore Memory Gardens. Memorial donations in George's honor may be made to the Alzheimer's Association and either mailed or dropped off to the funeral home at 6548 Paw Paw Ave., Coloma, MI 49038. Those wishing to leave a message or share a memory with the family online may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

George was born Oct. 22, 1935, in Benton Harbor, to Ernest and Leora Neff. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Army and served his country during the Korean War. In his younger days, George was a stock car race driver for several years. His love of the sport led him to become a big fan of NASCAR in later years. In 1958, he and Vivian Boruff were married and enjoyed 61 years together prior to Vivian's passing last fall. George worked at Continental Can Company for over 20 years prior to his retirement in 1996. He was also a member of First Baptist Church in Coloma.

George is survived by his three sons, Thomas Neff of Coloma, Kerry Neff of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Kenneth Neff of Las Vegas; his sister, Cindy; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; his brother-in-law, William Boruff Sr. of Watervliet; his nephew, William Boruff Jr. of Watervliet; and his niece, Kimberly (Jeffrey) Weber of Kalamazoo.

## Sidney LeRoy Polk Sr.

July 21, 1958 – May 2, 2020

Sidney LeRoy Polk Sr. passed away May 2, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A memorial service for Mr. Polk will be held at a later date. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Sidney was born July 21, 1958, to the union of Tommie Polk Jr. and Marion J. Polk (Ahmed) in Benton Harbor. Sidney graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1976. After graduating, Sidney went on to serve his country by joining the United States Air Force, during which he lived in Germany. He served faithfully for four years. Sidney was employed with Imperial Printing for over 15 years until health issues caused him not to work anymore.

Mr. Polk leaves to treasure his memories: his mother, Marion J. Ahmed of Benton Harbor; sister, Kimberly Polk of Benton Harbor; brother, Rodney (Chelsie) Polk of Minnesota; three sons, Julian Banks of Texas, Sidney Polk Jr. of Berrien Springs and Robert Neal-Polk; two granddaughters, Simmone Neal (8) and Samora Neal (4), all of Muskegon, Mich.; and his significant other, Angie M. Quintanilla of Stevensville. Sidney also had many nephews, nieces and friends who will miss him dearly.

## Death notices

**Elisa M. Gutierrez,** 40, of Bangor Township died May 8, 2020. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

**Barbara A. Kellie-Christian,** 62, of Benton Harbor died April 25, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

**Gregory Kelly,** 58, formerly of Benton Harbor died April 21, 2020, in Lansing, Mich. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

**George E. Matthews,** 86, of Niles died May 11, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

**Destal Layne Pepple,** 67, of St. Joseph died May 11, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

**Guy V. Price,** 65, of Dowagiac died May 11, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Marcus D. "Gio" Purnell Jr.,** 19, of Benton Harbor died April 10, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

**Clarence Schroeder Jr.,** of Coloma died May 12, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Norma Joan Stakley,** 81, of Benton Harbor died May 11, 2020. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

**Jacqueline F. Williams,** 53, of Benton Harbor died April 22, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

**Peggy Ann Young,** 70, formerly of Benton Harbor died April 26, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton harbor, 927-3181.

## Marcus Dontae 'Gio' Purnell Jr.

Nov. 5, 2000 – April 10, 2020

Marcus Dontae "Gio" Purnell Jr., 19, departed this life on Friday, April 10, 2020.

Marcus was born Nov. 5, 2000, to Marcus Purnell Sr. and Latoya P. McClinton. Marcus attended Benton Harbor Area Schools and the W-A-Y Program in Watervliet. He was employed by Pero in Benton Harbor. Marcus accepted Christ at an early age under the late Rev. Emery Varrie of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. Marcus had a heart of gold and would go to the extreme to make sure you were good.

Marcus absolutely loved his family and friends. He leaves to cherish his memory, his lovely daughter, Morgan Purnell; parents, Marcus Purnell Sr. and Latoya McClinton, and stepdad, Robert Coleman Sr., all of Benton Harbor; brothers: Kuron McClinton, Robert Coleman Jr. and Damarion Purnell, all of Benton Harbor, and Kalab Purnell of Alabama; stepbrothers, Semaj Coleman of Grand Rapids and Jordan Coleman of Benton Harbor; his blood brothers; sisters, Heavenly and My'Angel Coleman and Serenity Purnell, all of Benton Harbor; grandparents, Angelia (John) Purnell-McCoy of Benton Harbor; great-grandmothers, Glady's Buckner of Benton Harbor and Joyce (Love) Redman of Stuttgart, Ark.; longtime life partner, Jayla Yates of Benton Harbor; aunts, Sheila (David) Sim, Annetta Campbell and Genova Brown; uncles, Tyvaris McClinton, Terrance Purnell and Lydarius Campbell; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Marcus was preceded in death by his grandparents, Frank and Karen McClinton and Leroy Buckner Jr.; great-grandparents, Willie and Mattie Purnell and Leroy Buckner Sr.; and cousin, Jh'vone Fonder.

A private service will be held.

## Elisa Marie Gutierrez

July 14, 1979 – May 8, 2020

Elisa Marie Gutierrez was born July 14, 1979, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. She was the daughter of Martin and Caroline (Good Buffalo) Gutierrez. Elisa passed away at home on Friday, May 8, 2020, at the age of 40.

The family will welcome friends from 10 a.m.-noon on Thursday, May 14, at Hartford General Baptist Church, followed at noon by a private celebration of life service to honor Elisa's memory. Pastor Steven Bisbee will officiate. Elisa will be laid to rest in Fairview Memorial Cemetery, Watervliet Township. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family. Memorial condolences for the family can be left at http://www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Elisa leaves behind to cherish her memory, four daughters: Luz Rosita Alonso, Mari Jocelyn Alonso, Vanessa Maria Alonso and Hannah Selia Gutierrez; her parents; five brothers and sisters: Angel Mae Rivera, Martin Gutierrez Jr. III, Celia Lee Castillo, Marco Antonio Gutierrez and Juan Enrique Mosies Gutierrez; 17 nieces and nephews; and other family members and friends.

Elisa loved to knit, cook and listen to music, but her most cherished times were those spent with her family, who will miss her dearly.

## Barbara Ann Kellie-Christian

Sept. 28, 1957 – April 25, 2020

Barbara Ann Kellie-Christian, was born Sept. 28, 1957, in Benton Harbor, to Robert and Pearlie Kellie.

She was preceded in death by her loving parents, Robert and Pearlie Kellie; and siblings: Robert Kellie Jr., Arthur Lee Kellie, Dorothy Golliday, Viola Kellie and Alice Faye Kellie.

She leaves to celebrate her life, her children, Benjila Green and Nicky Kellie; grandchildren: Stephon Webster, Paige Kellie, Demetrius Kellie, Antonio Dillard Jr. and Emetrionna Kellie; great-grandchild, Kayden Syncere Spears; special sister, Grafter Jacobs; siblings: Vera Singleton of Benton Harbor, James Kellie of Detroit, Charles Kellie of Detroit, Imogene (Rickey) Thompson of Kalamazoo, Michael (Tina) Kellie of Grand Rapids, Peggy Kellie of Detroit, Annette Kellie of Grand Rapids, Rene (Rhea) Kirklin of Winthrop Harbor, Ill., Calvin (Katherine) Kellie of Grand Rapids and Ouida Kellie of Grand Rapids; aunt, Mary (Melvin-deceased) Shaw of Benton Harbor; uncle, Clarence (Georgia) Willis of Benton Harbor; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

A private service will be held.

## Jacqueline Faye Williams

March 15, 1967 – April 22, 2020

Jacqueline Faye Williams, 53, of Benton Harbor departed this life April 22, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A life of love is to be celebrated and never mourned. Such a life began when Jacqueline "Jackie" Faye Williams was born March 15, 1967, at Mercy Memorial in Benton Harbor to the late Brenda Pierce and Richard McCauley. At the age of 14, Jacqueline's family relocated to Long Beach, Calif. Jackie was a graduate of Poly High School, class of 1985. She was a proud member of the Poly High Pom-Pom Team. Jackie returned to Benton Harbor in her earlier 20s, where she raised the joy of her heart, her children.

To know Jackie was to love her. She was a very fun, caring and loving person. Jackie had a loud contagious laugh as she enjoyed fond moments with her grandchildren and family. She enjoyed family times and she loved listening to music.

Jackie leaves precious memories in the hearts of her children, Joseph Williams and Kendra Williams; nine grandchildren: Keontae, Joseph Jr., Miracle, NiCari, Jovon, DaVari, Nala, Giovonee and Laila; her siblings, Micheal Pierce, Dontrell Pierce, Daphne Pierce and Perry Pierce; lifelong companion, Dennis Williams; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Her parents and her grandmother, Florence Cooper, preceded her in death.

A private service will be held.

## Norma Joan Stakley

Feb. 1, 1939 – May 11, 2020

Norma Joan Stakley, 81, of Benton Harbor passed away on May 11, 2020.

She was born on Feb. 1, 1939, in Dowagiac, to Norma and Archibald Huston. In addition to raising her two sons, Norma worked at Michigan Fruit Canners in Coloma and retired from Whirlpool Corp. in Benton Harbor. Norma and her husband, David, also sold tickets to athletic events at St. Joseph Schools. Her favorite part of selling tickets was seeing and talking to people that she knew. When her sons were in school, Norma volunteered as a classroom aide at Benton Harbor Area Schools.

Norma enjoyed knitting, reading, going out to eat and spending time with her friends and family. One of her favorite pastimes was family cookouts. She loved being around family, laughing and just being together. In her younger years, Norma enjoyed cooking and held all of the family meals at her house. She passed on some of her favorite recipes, which her family will continue to make and share for generations. One of her most recent pastimes included arguing with their beagle/basset puppy, Haru Inu, who they rescued as a little puppy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Norma and Archibald Huston; her stepfather, Charles Fenner; and her sister, Kathy Brown.

Norma is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, David Dick Stakley; her children, David Stakley and Steven (Deedee) Stakley; and grandchildren: Tony (Ashlei) Jones, Ashley (Chad Baldwin) Layne, Clayton (Rose Bartels) Stakley and Ricky (Harmony Toi Kondo) Jewell. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren: Holly, Ivie and Jesse Jones, Gabriella, Nathan and Madelyn Layne, Nichole, Chad Jr., Emy and Prestin Baldwin and Umi Toi Kondo. As her family grew, Norma loved her husband, her sons, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren more than anything else. Spending time with family was truly her favorite pastime.

A private graveside service will be held at Lakeshore Hagar Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest. Memorial donations may be made to the Make-a-Wish Foundation or the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. Arrangements have been entrusted with Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home in Coloma. Online guest book is available at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

## Gregory Kelly

June 26, 1961 – April 21, 2020

Gregory Kelly, 58, formerly of Benton Harbor, departed this life on April 21, 2020, in Lansing, Mich.

Gregory Renardo Kelly was the fourth child and only son of the late Maxine Turner-Kelly. He was born June 26, 1961, in Benton Harbor, to the late Maxine Turner-Kelly and William (Hoggie) Booker. Gregory Renardo Kelly, was affectionately known as "Scotty" and "New York Scotty." He attended Benton Harbor Area Schools. Gregory left Benton Harbor at the age of 17 to pursue his dream as an entrepreneur. He resided in New York for 20 years prior to returning to Michigan.

Gregory was a very sharp dresser. He loved his suits and shoes and never wore tennis shoes. Gregory's children were his pride and joy, and so was his grey Mercedes-Benz. Gregory was a loving father, grandfather and brother, and he was a smooth talker, quick thinker and a jokester. He loved meeting new people as he traveled state to state. He enjoyed making those around him laugh and smile with his jokes.

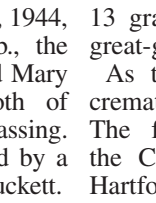
He leaves to cherish his memory, his daughters, Losetta Kelly and Na'Kita Kelly; his sons, Gregory (Nicole) Huddleston and Scotty Osby; eight sisters: Joantha Smith-Raines, Cassandra (Randy) Kelly-Jones, Willa Kelly, Regina Kelly, Kimberly Kelly, Michelle Anderson, Roshanna (Bryan) Williams and Tabitha Kelly; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Maxine Turner-Kelly and William Booker; and his great-nephew, Karlos Kelly.

A private service will be held.

## Marcella Ann Puckett

March 18, 1944 – May 8, 2020



Marcella passed away at the age of 76 on Friday, May 8, 2020, surrounded by her loving family, at her daughter's home in Watervliet.

Marcella Ann Puckett was born March 18, 1944, in Howard City, Neb., the daughter of Lester and Mary (Kepple) Maxim, both of whom precede her in passing. She was also preceded by a granddaughter, Lexi Puckett.

Marcella was a CNA for many years and loved her job.

Marcella leaves behind to cherish her memory, her four loving children: Anna Flory of Campobello, S.C., Trina (Kevin) Christensen of Paw Paw, Billie (Chad) Hunt of Watervliet and James (Carlie) Puckett of South Haven. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

As to Marcella's wishes, cremation has taken place. The family has entrusted the Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at http://www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

# IN BRIEF

## Tuesday sees few additional COVID-19 cases

Berrien County added 10 COVID-19 cases Tuesday, bringing the cumulative case count up to 411 cases.

The county saw a bigger jump in the number of recovered, from 227 reported Monday to 258 reported Tuesday.

With 25 deaths and the 258 recovered, the county now has 128 active cases.

The county added five presumed positive cases, bringing the total to 180.

Van Buren and Cass counties each added one additional case over Monday, bringing Van Buren up to 94 cases and Cass County up to 43. Van Buren remains at four deaths, 26 recovered, and Cass at two deaths, 18 recovered.

Local numbers and information can be found at www.bchdmi.org, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19. For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

## High school seniors can apply for United Way scholarships

ST. JOSEPH — United Way of Southwest Michigan is seeking nominations for the Volunteer United Youth Scholarship Award.

The award recognizes one self-nominated winner from each area county, Berrien, Cass and Van Buren, who has demonstrated a commitment to volunteerism through innovation, dedication and advocacy for community improvement throughout their high school career.

Winners will be recognized in the fall of 2020. Each winner will receive a $1,500 scholarship made out to their college on their behalf. Only current high school seniors are eligible to apply.

Applications are due by May 31 and can be found at uwsm.org/nominate-a-volunteer.

### Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Dale Brewer at 429-3797.

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

### 25 years ago – 1995

Coloma's Steve Smith finished third in the annual "Jeopardy" College Tournament that aired on TV yesterday.

Smith graduated from the University of Notre Dame after the show was taped in March in Los Angeles. He earned $7,500 for his efforts.

### 35 years ago – 1985

A grand procession opening the May Festival sponsored by the Lakeland Choral Society was followed by the raising of the Maypole in the garden of Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library and in Lake Bluff Park immediately across Lake Boulevard in St. Joseph, with an estimated 300 persons taking part. The Renaissance activities included flower games, find the fern, a magician and juggler, and riding an ox cart. Lakeland Choral Society members were authentically costumed and were under the direction of Barbara Born.

### 50 years ago – 1970

A new organization to coordinate anti-pollution efforts throughout Berrien County was officially formed last night at a steering committee meeting held at Lake Michigan College. The citizens group, United for Survival (US), currently consists of more than 80 members, including an 11-member steering committee and a confederation of 10 action committees. Their purpose is to inform the public on local pollution problems and provide opportunities for citizen action.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, May 13, the 134th day of 2020. There are 232 days left in the year.

**Highlight in history:**

On May 13, 1940, in his first speech as British prime minister, Winston Churchill told Parliament, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

**On this date:**

In 1568, forces loyal to Mary, Queen of Scots were defeated by troops under her half-brother and Regent of Scotland, the Earl of Moray, in the Battle of Langside, thwarting Mary's attempt to regain power almost a year after she was forced to abdicate.

In 1607, English colonists arrived by ship at the site of what became the Jamestown settlement in Virginia (the colonists went ashore the next day).

In 1914, heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis was born in Lafayette, Alabama.

In 1916, one of Yiddish literature's most famous authors, Sholem Aleichem, died in New York at age 57.

In 1917, three shepherd children reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary near Fatima, Portugal; it was the first of six such apparitions that the children claimed to have witnessed.

In 1918, the first U.S. airmail stamp, costing 24 cents and featuring a picture of a Curtiss JN-4 biplane, was publicly issued. (On some of the stamps, the "Jenny" was printed upside-down, making them collector's items.)

In 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon and his wife, Pat, were spat upon and their limousine battered by rocks thrown by anti-U.S. demonstrators in Caracas, Venezuela.

## 5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

| Today | Tonight | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mostly Sunny | Showers Likely | Showers Likely | Showers Likely | Few Showers | Showers Likely |
| 60° | 50° | 63° / 56° | 61° / 54° | 65° / 58° | 61° / 53° |

## Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 60°, humidity of 45%. East southeast wind 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an 85% chance of showers, overnight low of 50°. Southeast wind 11 to 14 mph.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 6:26 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:58 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 2:28 a.m.
Moonset ..... 12:04 p.m.

| Last | New | First | Full |
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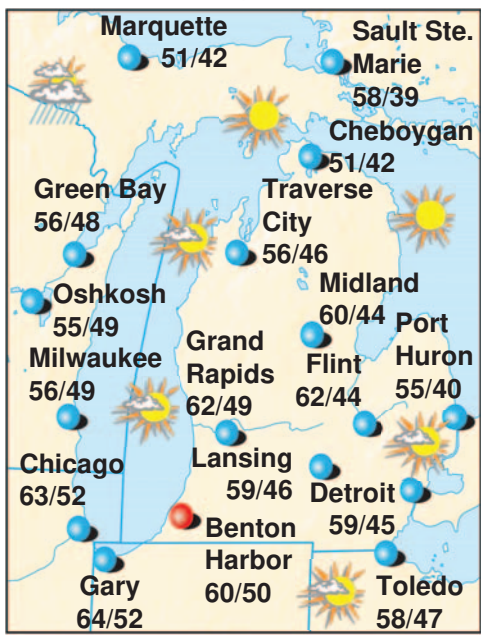
## Regional Map




## Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

**Temperature**

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| High | 59° |
| Low | 41° |
| Normal High | 69° |
| Normal Low | 47° |
| Record High | 88° in 2011 |
| Record Low | 34° in 2013 |

**Precipitation**

| | |
|---|---|
| Yesterday | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 0.32" |
| Normal for month | 1.54" |
| Year to date | 12.56" |
| Normal Year to date | 10.72" |

## Air Quality

Yesterday ..... 40
Main Offender ..... Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

**0-50** ..... Good
**51-100** ..... Moderate
**101-150** .... Sensitive
**151-200** .. Unhealthy

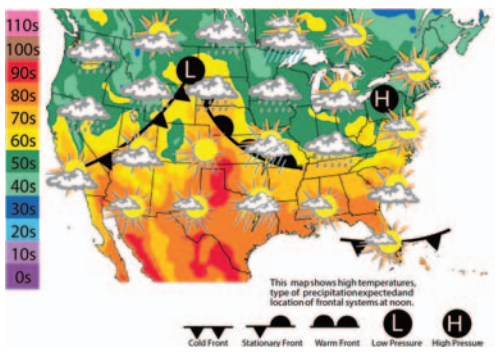
## Weather Trivia

*When is a wind advisory issued by the National Weather Service?*

**Answer:** When sustained winds reach 30 mph or gusts reach 40 mph.

## National Weather Map

Forecast map for May 13, 2020




For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

## Lake Michigan

Today, SE wind around 11 kt. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 46 degrees. Tonight, SE wind 12 to 15 kt. Showers likely. Waves around 1 ft.

## Michigan Forecast

### Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny with isolated showers, highs in the 50s. East wind 1 to 13 mph. Expect cloudy skies Thursday with widespread showers, highs in the 40s and 50s. Southeast wind 5 to 13 mph.

### Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny with highs in the 50s and 60s. East southeast wind 11 mph. Expect cloudy skies Thursday with scattered showers and rain, highs in the 60s. South wind 14 mph.

# Limited reopening for Universal's entertainment district

ORLANDO, Fla. — After being shuttered for almost two months, Universal Orlando plans to allow the reopening of some restaurants and shops on a limited basis in the theme park resort's entertainment district this week, company officials said Tuesday.

About a half-dozen restaurants and eateries, as well as two retail shops and some merchandise carts, will reopen at Universal Orlando Citywalk on Thursday in a sign of the baby steps Orlando's theme parks are taking to get back to business after they closed in mid-March because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Next week, Walt Disney World will allow some third-party shops and restaurants in its Disney Springs entertainment district to reopen. Workers and guests will be required to wear face masks. Per state rules, indoor capacity will be limited to 25 percent and dining tables outside must be more than 6 feet apart.

Neither Disney World nor Universal officials have said when theme parks and hotels will reopen.

At Universal's Citywalk, visitors will have their temperature checked upon arrival, and if it's 100.4 degrees or higher, they won't be allowed to enter. Visitors also will have to wear face masks which they can purchase. The venues will limit their capacity to ensure social distancing. They also will have cashless payment options, and visitors will be able to self-park for free, the resort said in a news release.

Workers also will have their temperatures checked and will have to wear face masks. All chairs and tables will be cleaned and disinfected after each seating, and high-touch areas also will be frequently cleaned, the resort said.

The venues will only be open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., and the restaurants will have a limited menu.

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A patient receives a shot in the first-stage safety study clinical trial of a potential vaccine for COVID-19.

AP photo

# MEDICAL PEOPLE

## Southwestern Medical Clinic adds pediatrician

STEVENSVILLE — Spectrum Health Lakeland has announced the addition of pediatrician Thomas Schomaker, DO, to its medical staff.

Schomaker is seeing patients alongside a team of physicians, advanced practitioners and care managers at Southwestern Medical Clinic in Stevensville.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the practice continues to see infants and children for essential care needs, both in person and through virtual video visits.

SCHOMAKER

Schomaker describes himself as, "a people person and kid at heart who is always on the go. I love sports, particularly basketball, and being a coach. I am most proud of the long-lasting relationships I have built with parents and families. Science and how the human body works completely fascinate me."

Schomaker earned his medical degree from the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed a pediatric residency at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a member of the American Board of Pediatrics and American Osteopathic Association.

During the last two decades, he has worked as a pediatrician in private practice on the east side of the state.

For more information, call 429-6604 or visit swmc.org.

## NCHC adds therapists

NILES — As the need for behavioral health services has increased in Southwest Michigan, Niles Community Health Center has announced the addition of two therapists to its team: Bette Spearritt, LMSW, CAADC, CCS, and Saundra Mortenson, LMSW.

Spearritt, a Southwest Michigan native, received her Master of Social Work degree from Grand Valley State University, and is a certified advanced alcohol and drug counselor and clinical supervisor.

SPEARRITT

She will be the behavioral health substance use disorder treatment manager at Niles Community Health Center Behavioral Health. The Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program will be available to established Cassopolis Family Clinic Network patients later this year.

MORTENSON

Mortenson, also a native of Southwest Michigan, received her Master of Social Work degree from the University of Michigan, and has joined the staff as a behavioral health therapist.

Niles Community Health Center Behavioral Health is located inside the new NCHC facility at 1951 Oak St. Behavioral health services are available from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

Individuals must be established as a Cassopolis Family Clinic Network medical patient to schedule a behavioral health appointment.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 665-8800 or visit www.cassfamilyclinic.org.

*Items for Medical People should be sent to The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085, faxed to 429-4398 or emailed to focus@TheHP.com.*

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# Laid-off U.S. workers face foreign world of insurance shopping

By TOM MURPHY
Associated Press

Mass layoffs are pushing many Americans into an unfamiliar role: shopping for health insurance that isn't offered by an employer.

A swirl of confusing terms and options await inexperienced shoppers as they sort health insurance plans. And there's probably no one from human resources available to quickly answer questions.

The coronavirus pandemic has thrown 1 in 6 American workers out of a job. Navigators, brokers and others who help people find coverage say they are starting to see a wave of new customers looking for help either from the Affordable Care Act's insurance marketplaces or the government-funded Medicaid program.

Here are some steps to take if you wind up on the market for new coverage.

## Know the basics

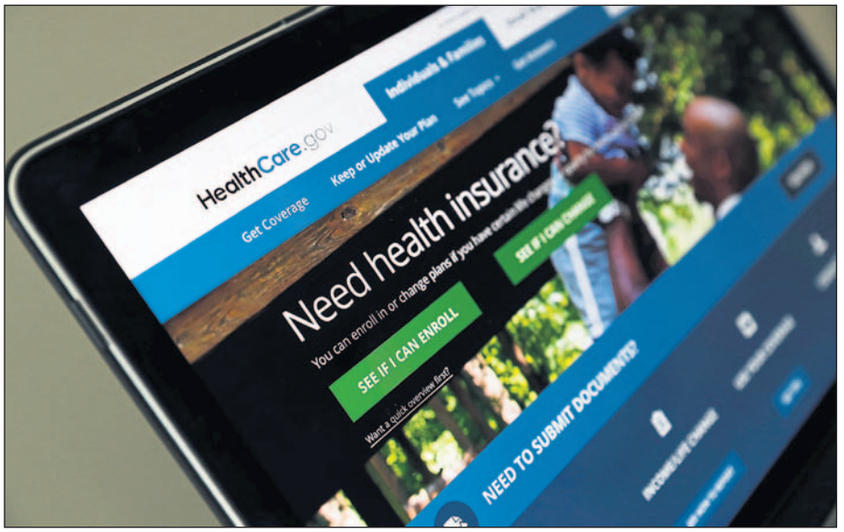
People who lose health insurance through work might be able to avoid a big search by switching to a spouse's employer-sponsored plan.

If that's not possible, they might be able to choose the pricey option of continuing their coverage from work under the federal law known as COBRA. That would allow you to keep the doctors already covered in your insurer's network.

Laid-off workers also have a 60-day window in which they can shop the ACA marketplaces for coverage they might be able to buy with help from income-based tax credits.

That window doesn't apply to people who lost a job that didn't come with insurance. But several states are offering a separate enrollment period that may help them.

Some people also may qualify for the government's Medicaid program, which helps those with low incomes.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The Healthcare.gov website is displayed on a laptop.

## Prepare for sticker shock

Did you know that your employer probably paid as much as 70 percent of your insurance premium?

If not, you will quickly realize that when choosing to continue coverage under COBRA.

In that case, the laid-off employee will pay the entire monthly bill for coverage, plus an administrative fee. That could cost more than $1,000 for a family plan.

Then there's the ACA marketplaces, where monthly premiums also can be several hundred dollars depending on the coverage.

But shoppers there can buy insurance with help from income-based tax credits.

That's something many don't understand, according to Jeremy Smith, a West Virginia-based navigator who helps people find coverage in several states.

"If people have never had to worry about these programs, they've never put much thought into it," he said. "Most call us, and they automatically think that the insurance is going to be so outrageously expensive that they're not going to be able to touch it."

## Consider help

After being laid off April 1, Dianne Waldorf spent about an hour and a half bouncing between websites and trying to figure out whether she qualified for Medicaid or if she should just buy individual insurance.

The 54-year-old Boca Raton, Fla., resident needed coverage to deal with some health problems, including a brain aneurysm that doctors are monitoring. But she got so frustrated she wondered whether she should continue.

"There's so many different options available, and they ask you so many questions," she said. "You just get overwhelmed."

Then Waldorf found a phone number for HealthSherpa, a company that helps people find coverage in the marketplaces.

She said a representative took about 15 minutes to guide her to a plan that cost about $80 a month with the tax credit.

Companies like HealthSherpa, as well as navigators and insurance agents, may be available to help find a plan. They also can assist shoppers in figuring out tax credits.

Help from health insurance navigators is free, but they may be hard to find in some states. HealthSherpa also does not charge customer fees, but it receives a commission from some plans, as do many brokers or agents. Shoppers should ask about fees or commissions when seeking assistance.

## Be patient

Callers to the federal government's health insurance enrollment helpline – 800-318-2596 – may have to wait depending on when they call.

First thing in the morning is a good window to hit, said Joshua Peck, co-founder of the nonprofit Get America Covered. Peck, who worked in the administration of former President Barack Obama, said call volume usually hits peak levels in mid- to late afternoon.

If you search online, avoid jumping at the first option Google produces. That might be a short-term coverage plan. Those can be cheaper than regular insurance, but they may have big limitations and might not cover conditions you had before enrolling.

For more complete coverage, visit healthcare.gov.

Expect delays, especially when dealing with Medicaid. Those applications can get held up by complications that might not surface when an employee picks work-based coverage, enrollment expert Ben Geyerhahn said.

His company, BeneStream, helps people sign up for Medicaid and has been working more lately with customers who usually make $40,000 to $70,000 annually and have never used the Medicaid system.

"I think that people have gotten used to high-quality, low-friction services," he said. "There's a lot of interesting and wild policy complexity built into the system that surprises people."

John Raoux / AP

**Protesters demanding Florida businesses and government reopen, march last month in downtown Orlando, Fla. At the onset of the coronavirus pandemic "anti-vaxxers" had doubts about the origin and nature of the virus itself. They've also latched on to protests against stay-at-home orders in the U.S.**

# Groups sow doubt about COVID-19 vaccine before one even exists

**By DAVID KLEPPER and BEATRICE DUPUY**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A coronavirus vaccine is still months, or years, away, but groups that peddle misinformation about immunizations are already taking aim, potentially eroding confidence in what could be humanity's best chance to defeat the virus.

In recent weeks, vaccine opponents have made several unsubstantiated claims, including allegations that vaccine trials will be dangerously rushed or that Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious diseases expert, is blocking cures to enrich vaccine makers.

They've also falsely claimed that Microsoft founder Bill Gates wants to use a vaccine to inject microchips into people – or to cull 15 percent of the world's population.

Vaccine opponents in the U.S. have been around for a long time. Their claims range from relatively modest safety concerns about specific vaccines or the risk of side effects to conspiracy theories that border on the bizarre.

The movement is receiving renewed attention, especially as it aligns itself with groups loudly protesting restrictions on daily life aimed at controlling the spread of the virus. Health professionals say vaccine misinformation could have lethal consequences if it leads people to opt for bogus cures instead.

"Only a coronavirus vaccine can truly protect us from future outbreaks," said Dr. Scott Ratzan, a physician and medical misinformation expert at the City University of New York and Columbia University. "But what if the effort succeeds and large numbers of people decide not to vaccinate themselves or their children?"

While vaccines for diseases such as polio, smallpox and measles have benefited millions, some skeptics reject the science, citing a distrust of modern medicine and government. Others say mandatory vaccine requirements violate their religious freedom.

Rita Palma, the leader of the anti-vaccine group in Long Island called My Kids, My Choice, is among those who say their families won't get the coronavirus vaccine.

"Many of us are anxiety stricken at the thought of being forced to get a vaccine," Palma said. "I will never choose to have a COVID-19 vaccine. I don't want the government forcing it on my community or my family."

From the outset of the coronavirus pandemic, vaccine skeptics have tailored several long-standing claims about vaccine safety to fit the current outbreak.

When the first U.S. case was announced in January, some alleged the coronavirus was manufactured and that patents for it could be found online.

Thousands of deaths later, vaccine opponents are endorsing unapproved treatments, second-guessing medical experts and pushing fears about mandatory vaccinations. They've also latched onto protests against stay-at-home orders in the U.S.

"The coronavirus has created this perfect storm of misinformation," said David A. Broniatowski, an associate professor at George Washington University's school of engineering and applied science who has published several studies on vaccine misinformation.

Last month, an anti-vaccine activist was arrested in Idaho after repeatedly refusing police orders to leave a playground closed because of the pandemic. The woman, who was there with other families, is affiliated with two groups that protested at the Idaho Statehouse against stay-at-home orders.

Facebook groups formed to organize the protests have been peppered with vaccine hoaxes and myths. Perhaps no one plays a bigger role in the conspiracy theories than Gates, who is funding vaccine research.

The online movement has centered concerns around a COVID-19 vaccine on false claims that Gates is planning to microchip people with the vaccine or use it to reduce the world's population.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a vaccine critic who helped popularize unsubstantiated claims that vaccines can cause autism, said Gates' work gives him "dictatorial control of global health policy."

Roger Stone, a former adviser to President Donald Trump, went further on a New York City radio show, saying Gates "and other globalists" are using the coronavirus "for mandatory vaccinations and microchipping people."

Such wild theories can have real-world effects. False rumors that Gates hoped to test an experimental vaccine in South Africa became mainstream after a news site erroneously reported the claim. One of the country's political parties then sent a letter to President Cyril Rampahosa demanding answers about "deals" struck with Gates.

In fact, Gates and his wife are financing a vaccine trial in Philadelphia and Kansas City, Mo., not South Africa. He also suggested creating a database of people immune to the virus, not implanting microchips.

Last month, during remarks recognizing World Immunization Week, World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus criticized vaccine skeptics for spreading misinformation at a time when many families are delaying or skipping routine childhood immunizations because they're afraid of COVID-19 exposure in doctors' offices.

"Myths and misinformation about vaccines are adding fuel to the fire," he said.

Health experts have repeatedly said there is no evidence the coronavirus was intentionally created or spread. They also insist that vaccines are not only safe, but essential to global health.

"Vaccine researchers and anyone who is a vaccine advocate cares deeply about vaccine safety," said Dr. Paul Offit, a Children's Hospital of Philadelphia physician and co-inventor of a vaccine for rotavirus, which kills hundreds of thousands of children annually.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough, that clear up in two to three weeks. But it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia, and death for some people, especially older adults and people with existing health problems.

The vaccine debate is fertile ground for groups looking to sow discord in the United States. Russia seized on it to create divisions before the 2016 U.S. election, and appears to be at it again.

A report from a European Union disinformation task force found numerous conspiracy theories in English-language Russian media, including state-run RT, claiming an eventual vaccine will be used to inject nanoparticles into people.

"When pro-Kremlin disinformation outlets spread anti-vaccine tropes, they become responsible for those who will hesitate to seek professional medical care," the EU report said.

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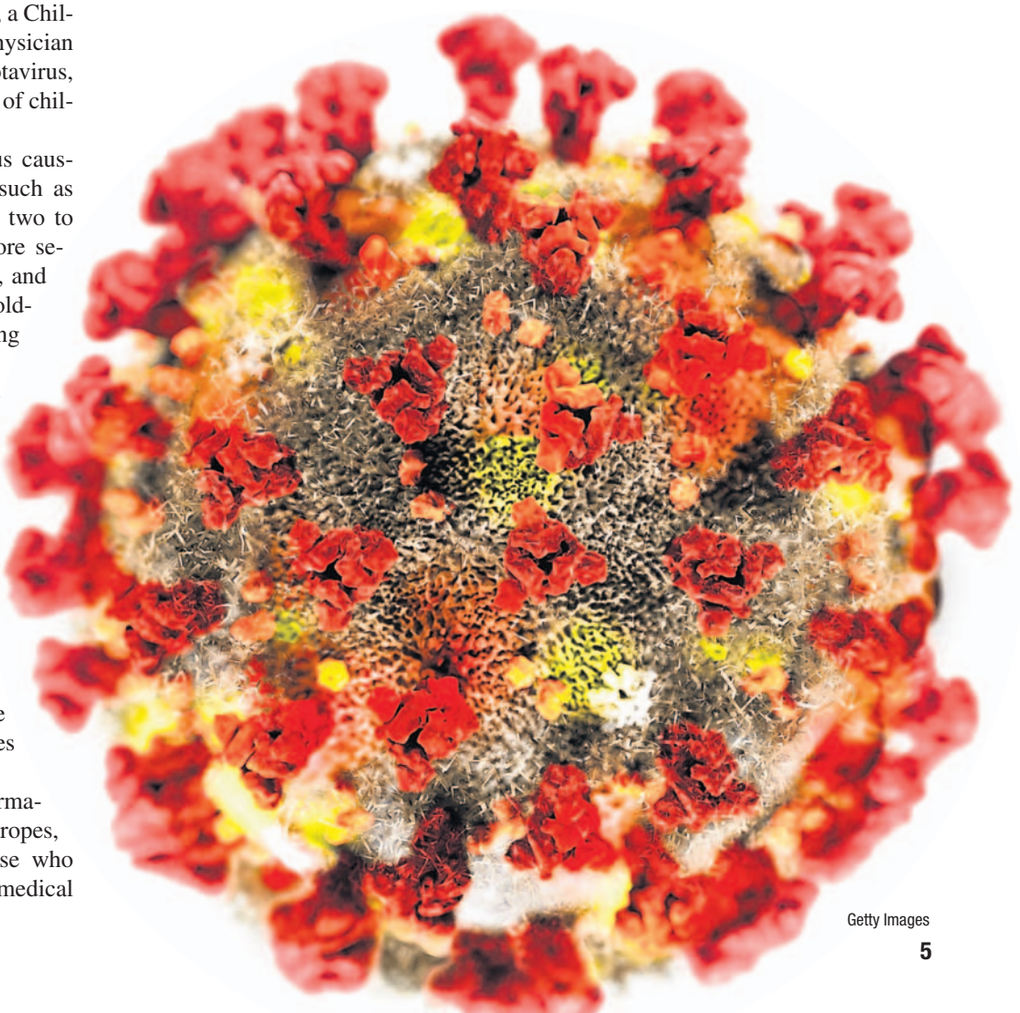
**Pharmacist Michael Witte, at left, gives Rebecca Sirull a shot in March in the first-stage safety study clinical trial of a potential vaccine for COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus.**



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# Pleas in the dark for money, food, rent

## GoFundMe in the time of coronavirus

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**Nurses from the Bristol-Burlington Health District collect a patient's nasal swab at Bristol Hospital's drive-thru coronavirus specimen collection station.**

They are cries in the dark, on GoFundMe, to strangers. Pleas for any aid, even $1, to help pay the rent or fill an empty fridge.

*Hello, I wanted to start this page to get some funds together for food and water …*

*this crisis has me without job, anything helps, single mom of 4*

*I'm asking for help to weather this worldwide storm.*

One night recently at about 9 p.m., I visited GoFundMe and burrowed in with search after search: Los Angeles and coronavirus, Los Angeles and COVID-19, Los Angeles and lost my job, Los Angeles and desperate.

Past 2 a.m., I was still there, unable to stop reading – floored all over again by a breadth of hardship I had thought I understood.

*I did everything right, I supported myself, I followed the rules, and yet here I am up a creek without a paddle.*

*I've tried every way possible and this really is a last resort.*

*I know everyone else is struggling too.*

GoFundMe, when you start scratching below the surface right now, is a gut punch of unfiltered, raw need: Children asking for help to bury parents felled by the virus. Mothers struggling to feed their babies. Shops and restaurants trying to drum up support for laid-off workers but also rent money to survive long enough to be able to reopen and rehire them.

So many shops and restaurants I've frequented. So many people whose means of earning a living don't make sense in the moment.

Dry cleaners who provide crisp work clothes that we don't wear when we don't go to work. Massage therapists who can't knead our muscles without standing too close. Preschools – as if, at a time like this, we'd send our littlest ones out into the world.

People who say they are still awaiting government aid or they've tried unsuccessfully to get it. People in distress whose brief, blunt appeals read like private prayers summoning a savior.

On the site are big crowdfunding successes whose organizers receive more than they ask for – but also many campaigns that ask for little and receive nothing. So many are asking, after all, at a time when relatively few of us are confident enough in the future to feel we have a lot to spare.

*Please, if you are someone of means, help us out! I know there are probably people who need help more, but we will be in danger of losing everything! Thank you!*

This is some of what Roberta Wall posted in the middle of March, after she lost both her jobs. She is 63. She sings and dances and has performed on Broadway. She's on the road at least four months a year in "Menopause the Musical," but that won't happen this year.

For more than 33 years, with breaks for shows, she's been a singing waitress at Miceli's in Los Angeles. But that job disappeared on March 16 when restaurants went takeout and delivery only.

Her husband teaches theater arts at Los Angeles Valley College – and his pay covers the mortgage. But her money is needed for other bills, and he isn't paid in the summer. Wall felt "panic, pure panic," she told me when she lost her ability to earn.

Then her daughter and son-in-law – who sing and serve at a bar in New York – found themselves out of work and sick in their tiny apartment, with all the symptoms of the coronavirus. Wall has been

sick with worry, though they appear to have turned a corner.

She's begun to receive unemployment help now, though money's still very tight. She got $250 from a relief fund for artists. She's gotten no online donations.

When she posted her campaign on GoFundMe, she told me, she didn't tell a soul. She was hoping for a random rich patron.

"Every friend I have is in the same boat. Who would be able to give me money?" she said. "I don't have doctor friends. I don't have lawyer friends."

*I thought we were gonna have a job to go back to, but I guess not.*

That's what Vanessa Cordero posted under the title: #nowork coronavirus.

Until recently, Cordero, 31, worked at a Regency Theatre in Commerce, Calf. She spent Saturdays at the East L.A. Skills Center, training to be a school custodian, hoping for a job with the L.A. Unified School District.

Then the theater was forced to shut, and she got laid off and told she'd have to reapply for her job. Meanwhile, her classes went online and the school district closed, leaving her prospects less promising for an immediate job doing summertime deep cleaning after she gets her certificate in June.

Cordero lives at her dad's house, which he's afraid of losing, she says. He's a welder in construction and is now making parts for hospitals (a contract whose details he won't tell her), but he's bringing home less money.

Cordero hasn't received federal or state help yet. She's waiting. She said she hoped to give the GoFundMe money to her father. But, like Wall, she got no contributions, probably because she didn't tell anyone she knew.

"I felt embarrassed in a way," she told me about asking for money, "because no one in my family does that."

*It happened. Coronavirus hit hard and I lost all sources of income.*

Jake Bender, 24, is one of the lucky ones. He asked for $500 on GoFundMe and received just slightly more than that. He wasn't shy about sharing his campaign – and nine people, mostly from his hometown of Conrad, Mont., came through.

He arrived in California to be an actor after college, two years ago. He's made ends meet in the gig economy, working now and then for a home staging company, driving for Lyft and doing odd jobs for TaskRabbit. But all his income sources dried up with the shutdown. The last time he drove for Lyft, he says, he made $4 in two hours. One day in March, he earned $40 moving a very heavy dresser.

The GoFundMe money helped him cover his share of the rent. When I spoke to him, he had $920 to his name – just enough to pay the rent due that Friday.

Early on, his mother sent him a big care package of ramen, Velveeta Shells & Cheese and Tuna Helper. The other day he found a bargain at the store: $4 for three chicken breasts. Meanwhile, he still has a student loan, a car payment and car insurance to pay. And he has yet to get his first unemployment money.

*Lost my job because of corona. I need this money to pay parts of bills to stay afloat. Anything will help please.*

At the beginning of last month, Ulises Ramirez, 27, was furloughed from his job managing a shoe store in Commerce, Calf. He had about $1,000 in savings at the time.

And even though the company paid out his vacation time, he's now down to $400 in savings and about the same in his checking account. He shares an apartment in Whittier with friends, paying $550 a month.

With his roommates all working from home though, he's moved in with his mother and his sister in East L.A. He has credit card debt and loans. Except for his car payment, he says, he's having trouble getting payments deferred.

He still hasn't heard anything about his unemployment application filed on April 12 and doesn't even know if it went through.

Meanwhile, he's received no GoFund Me donations, even though he shared his campaign on social media. In his working-class world, he says, everyone is hurting.

"There's an avalanche of GoFundMe's like mine," he said. "And you can't ask your neighbor, you can't ask a friend."

So you cry out in the dark and hope somebody, somewhere is listening.

## IN BRIEF

### Pennies for Patients goes virtual

ST. JOSEPH — This month, Berrien County Cancer Service is collecting donations for its annual Pennies for Patients fundraiser.

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's fundraiser is virtual.

Make donations online at www.bccancerservice.org or mail a check to BCCS at 3900 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Donors should contact their local bank or credit union prior to depositing cash donations. Coinstar machines will not take donations for this fundraiser.

BCCS provides in-home skilled nursing and care services to Southwest Michigan cancer patients and their families. All of its services are free.

BCCS is not affiliated with any national or state organizations. Its services are made possible thanks to United Way of Southwest Michigan, various fundraisers throughout the year, and contributions from the community.

For more information, call 429-3281.

### CFCN receives $50K grant for telehealth services

CASSOPOLIS — Cassopolis Family Clinic Network recently received a $50,000 grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund.

The grant will assist CFCN in its efforts to implement telehealth services to reach more patients, allow current patients to remain in a secure environment for their appointment (especially for senior citizens and immunocompromised individuals), and allow for more frequent follow-up care.

"I speak for everyone at our organization in expressing our gratitude to the health fund for its generous support of our health center and the important work we are doing in the community," CFCN CEO Mary Geegan Middleton said in a news release. "Offering telehealth services will allow our medical and behavioral health providers to care for their patients in the comfort of their home to keep them well and out of the emergency room for non-life threatening matters."

For more information about the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, visit www.mihealthfund.org.

For more information about Cassopolis Family Clinic Network, visit www.cassfamilyclinic.org.

### Lakeland establishes high-risk cancer program

ST. JOSEPH — A new high-risk cancer program is now available at Spectrum Health Lakeland to care for people with increased risk of developing certain types of cancer.

Located within the Center for Outpatient Services at 3900 Hollywood Road, the program will work closely with patients to help them understand genetic risks, learn strategies for cancer prevention, and diagnose cancer at an earlier stage when in it most treatable.

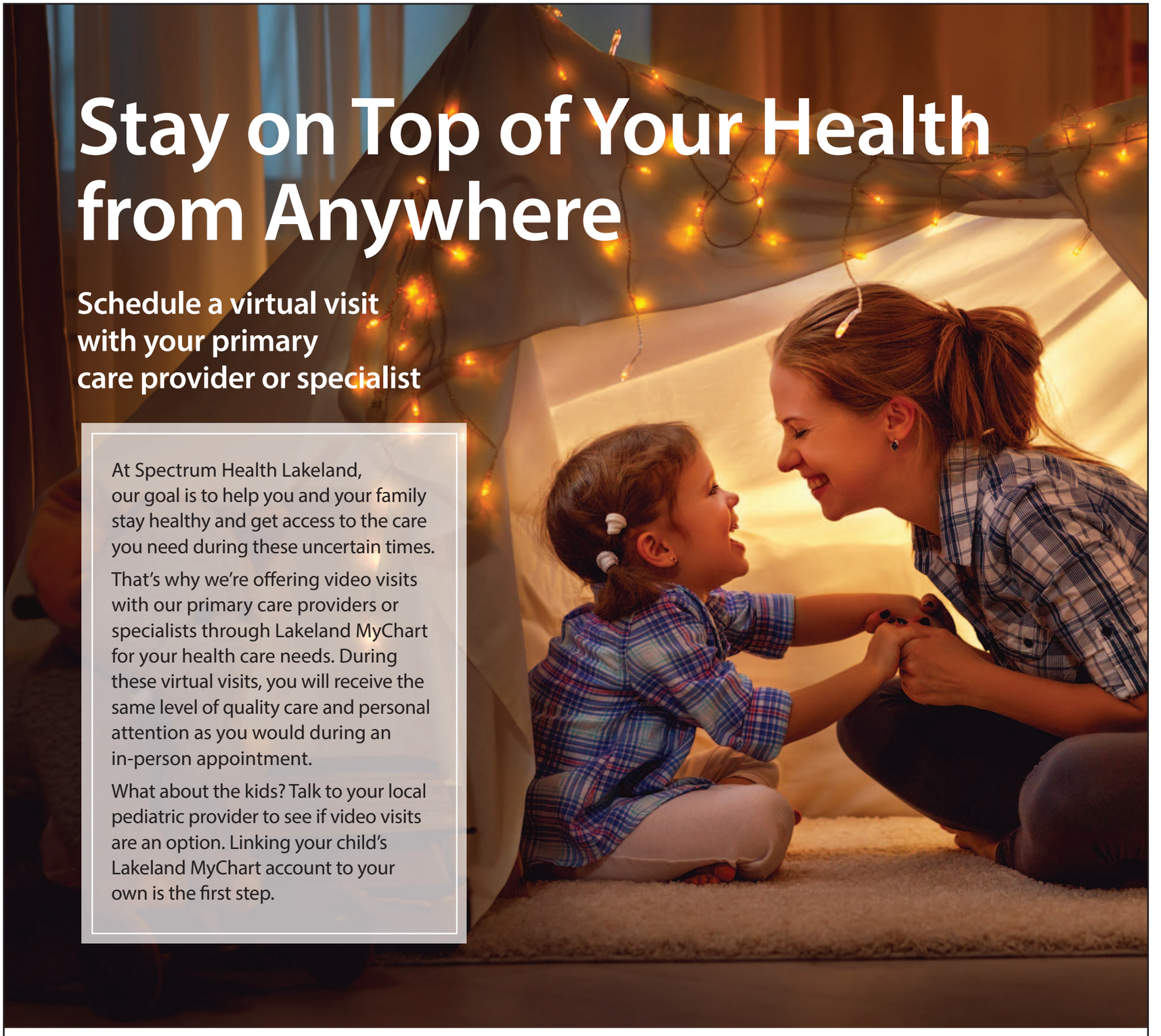
Services will initially support patients at high risk for developing breast cancer with a plan to expand to other types of cancer soon, according to a news release.

"Each year, we diagnose approximately 150 patients with breast cancer at Lakeland, and we know there are more than 5,200 patients within our community who are considered high risk," Director of Oncology Services Barbara Schmidtman said in the release. "This program will allow us to more closely follow those at increased risk to ensure they are undergoing the appropriate screenings and receiving timely care – ultimately saving more lives."

To qualify for the program, patients must fit at least one of the following criteria:

- Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry
- Family history of ovarian cancer, or male breast cancer
- Family history of breast cancer diagnosed at or before 50 years old
- History of atypical breast biopsies
- Known gene mutation in the family associated with increased cancer risks
- Multiple close relatives with a history of breast cancer
- Previous chest wall radiation

For more information, or to check for qualification, call 932-9337 or email highriskcancerclinic@lakelandhealth.org.



# Stay on Top of Your Health from Anywhere

## Schedule a virtual visit with your primary care provider or specialist

At Spectrum Health Lakeland, our goal is to help you and your family stay healthy and get access to the care you need during these uncertain times.

That's why we're offering video visits with our primary care providers or specialists through Lakeland MyChart for your health care needs. During these virtual visits, you will receive the same level of quality care and personal attention as you would during an in-person appointment.

What about the kids? Talk to your local pediatric provider to see if video visits are an option. Linking your child's Lakeland MyChart account to your own is the first step.

Learn more at **spectrumhealthlakeland.org/mychart** to activate your account or call **800-LAKELAND**

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